

Archdiocese of Seattle

Faith Formation Newsletter

September 26, 2016

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "**Essential Concept**" this week is **Salvation History**. Once again, we would like to remind you to keep checking on our [annotated bibliographies](#) that provide multiple resources, many of them online that will assist your faith formation programs for all age groups.

As we continue in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, there are a few opportunities to join **Fr. Joseph Corpora** as he visits the Archdiocese of Seattle and offers presentations on the Year of Mercy. Fr. Corpora will visit various parishes around the Archdiocese, including a Spanish presentation at Holy Family Church in Seattle. Please view the **Mission of Mercy** [flyer](#) for specific information.

We are beginning to schedule deanery faith formation events to continue our implementation of the Religion Standards and also demonstrate how we will be implementing the newly required [Touching Safety](#) program. Please contact [Anne](#) if you are interested in finding out more about scheduling a training in your deanery area.

Catechist Certification webinars will begin October 5th and will continue through the end of February. Now is the time to [register](#) for these courses that you can attend in the comfort of your home, parish, or school!

We recently came across an interesting [article](#) about how we can make our parents feel more welcome and empowered within our religion programs. Parents can often feel intimidated or overwhelmed by their role as the "primary catechist" for their children. By providing them with tools for discipleship rather than expecting them to know all the facts, we can help them become more comfortable and engaged with sharing our Catholic faith in their homes.

In Christ,

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Essential Religious Education Concepts

Salvation History [50-73]

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 1- Knowledge of the Faith - Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Religious Education Standards-Essential Concepts 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

Catechist Journey-Faith Tweets and Bible Trivia to Teach Salvation History (LINK)

Mary Dillman has served as a catechist for 13 years at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church, in Flemington, NJ (Diocese of Metuchen). The parish is a large one with more than 3,000 families. Mary teaches sixth-grade religious education and has served as the lead instructional designer for the Salvation History curriculum the parish uses for sixth-grade youth. Here she shares several activities that worked best in her faith-formation classes this past year.

Salvation History - John Bergsma

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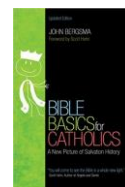
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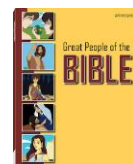


Resources from the LMC on Salvation History

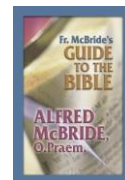
Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (John Bergsma) This overview of the Bible is based on Bergsma's wildly popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University, where he is a colleague of Scott Hahn. Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Central to the book's themes are Bergsma's signature illustrations of key biblical characters, which are deceptively simple but profound.



Great People of the Bible: 25 Easy-to-Use Sessions for Teaching Salvation History (Saint Mary's Press) Teacher's guide for twenty-five sessions about great people of the Bible. Intended for use with middle school students.

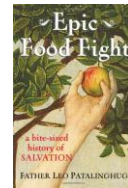


Fr. McBride's Guide to the Bible (Alfred McBride) Fr. McBride presents Bible stories in a thoughtful way that helps ordinary people understand the extraordinary message of the Holy Scriptures. He identifies the key messages, chapter by chapter, and provides a timeline of salvation history that puts every story into context.



Epic Food Fight: A Bite-Sized History of Salvation (Leo E. Patalinghug) Fr.

Leo blends profound truths with humor and wit in a way that appeals to a wide cross-section of Catholics. Fr. Leo goes beyond an explanation of how eating together builds stronger families to probe more deeply into the theological aspects of food. Following the example of Jesus Christ, whose miracles and teachings often involved food, Fr. Leo explains salvation history by what he calls a "theology of food"--there is a godly logic to every bite we take. He shows how the devil seeks to poison God's children from within, getting them to "digest" his lies by taking what is harmful and making it look beautiful and edible. This cosmic struggle between good and evil can be seen as an "eternal food fight" between God and the devil. With Fr. Leo, theology--as well as the subject of food--is never boring. In simple, practical ways, you are invited to read, savor, chew on, and digest theological concepts you might never have understood before.



Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith (DVD Set, Ascension Press) Takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this 24-lesson program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them lifelong disciples of Christ.



Library Media Center Resources

Resource Lists

The Library Media Center has several of the materials listed available. Contact the [library](#) to request items. Our [online catalog](#) is also available to search for materials.

[September Check It Out](#)-Monthly newsletter highlighting new materials added to the Library Catalog over the summer.

Upcoming Catechetical Events

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

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

PAFF Deanery Meetings

Religious Education Standards and Touching Safety Training (*More information to come*)
South Seattle Deanery-Tuesday, November 8th | Holy Rosary Church, Seattle
Southern Deanery -Tuesday, November 15th | St. Joseph Church, Vancouver

Connecting Catholic Women Annual Conference, Convention & Worship
Saturday, October 22, 2016 | 9:15 am - 8:30 pm | St. Michael Parish, Olympia | To learn more about the event and to register, click [here](#).

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.

PAFF Workshop/Retreat on February 9-10, 2017

February 9-10, 2017-Save the Dates!-More information to come.

Formation Opportunities

Mission of Mercy - Fr. Joseph Corpora, CSC

Join Fr. Joseph Corpora as he visits the Archdiocese of Seattle and offers [presentations](#) on the Year of Mercy. Sept 30 - Oct 2

Beginning Experience: Renew the Light of Hope (NEW)

[Beginning Experience](#), is a retreat for people who have lost a spouse through either death or divorce. This retreat is a faith centered time of healing that offers hope and assistance during one of life's toughest transitions. ***The [next weekend retreat](#) is September 30 - October 2 in Lacey.***

Discerning a Catholic Response to Crime: Community-Based Peacemaking Circles vs. Traditional Criminal Justice Approaches (NEW)

Our archdiocesan Criminal Justice Ministry, which is part of the Office of Pastoral Care and Outreach, has long provided spiritual care to people affected by crime including victims, family members, and people incarcerated in Washington jails and prisons. However, we recognize the urgent need for systemic change that reflects the Good News of the Gospel. Therefore, we have formally partnered with King County Juvenile Court to pilot restorative, community-based Peacemaking Circles to resolve some of our juvenile cases, even serious ones. Please view the [article](#) for an overview and the [flyer](#) for specific event information.

Ignatian Spirituality 101: An Introduction to Ignatian Prayer & Spirituality

(NEW) Thursday, October 6, 2016 | 6:30 - 8:45 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle | What is it that makes Pope Francis tick? Many know that he is the first Jesuit Pope and is grounded in Ignatian spirituality, but some do not know exactly what that means. What is the tradition of Ignatian spirituality all about? What are the key characteristics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality? If you would like to know more personally or on behalf of those you serve, we invite you and other Archdiocesan parish faith formation coordinators to this evening [introduction](#) to the basics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality. **No cost.** Donations appreciated. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org.

For questions or to RSVP, please [email Andrea Fontana](#), Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824.

Living Well, Dying Well (NEW)

Friday, October 7, 2016 | 9:30 am -2:30 am | Holy Family Church, Kirkland | Perspectives on priorities, values and making personal choices in how we can live better with age-related frailty, serious illness and approaching death. Program designed to give participants the tools needed to prepare for end of life to ensure their last days are spent as they want them to be, not as others would choose for them. Includes two workshops, lunch and legal documents to complete advanced care planning. To access the registration form, click [here](#).

How to Welcome, Include, & Catechize All of God's Children: Practical Suggestions for Serving Those with Special Needs (NEW)

Saturday, October 8, 2016 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Pastoral Outreach Center of St James Cathedral | Cost: FREE (Lunch provided) | Presenter: Deacon Larry Sutton | Click [here](#) to view the flyer | RSVP by October 3rd to Erica Cohen Moore, ericac@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4852

Venerate Relics of Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina Kowalska

The Liturgy Office can coordinate the scheduling of those parishes who wish to arrange for the relics of St. John Paul and St. Faustina to be conveyed to the parish for veneration by the faithful. You may reach the Liturgy Office at 206.654.4652 or by e-mail at andrew.casad@seattlearch.org in order to reserve the relics for your parish, campus ministry, or faith community. For more information regarding the process, click [here](#).

Foundations of Our Catholic Faith - CCP Program

This program includes Scripture, Theology, Catechetics, and Church History to support the Church's mission to evangelize. FOUNDATIONS...provides an opportunity to hear the Gospel message, understand the Church's teachings, and grow in the fullness of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. For class schedules, registration and more, visit the CCP [webpage](#).

Going Forth in Joy: Missionary Disciples Formation Program (NEW DATES!!)

Catholic ministers and educators play a special role in helping their communities experience the joy of participating in God's mission of love. We are called to lay the foundations that enable this mission to be passed on to the next generation. The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle and Maryknoll invite you to join us for three sessions on **Tuesdays, October 4, 11, and 18th from 6-9 PM** to engage with this call and challenge. For more information and to register, [here](#).

Cabrini Ministry Training

Invites you to BRING MERCY, BE PRESENT, & CHANGE LIVES! When you enroll in one of our training programs, you will be transformed. You will learn profound techniques that enable you to effectively and compassionately share God's mercy and the gift of your presence with others who are isolated or afflicted. This will transform THEIR lives. **Classes will be held in [Kirkland](#) on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30pm beginning Oct. 25.** For application and information contact info@cabriniministry.org, 206-760-0583 x3 or visit www.cabriniministry.org.

NAMI Family-to-Family Educational Program

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. It is a designated evidenced-based program. Research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition. ***Coming this fall to St. James Cathedral, Seattle, Monday evenings weekly from September 26th to December 12th.*** Anyone interested should contact Katie Mahoney, Program Coordinator at NAMI Seattle. Her info is (206) 783-9264 or katiem@namiseattle.org

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.

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The Arts & Faith Top 25 Films on Mercy

These films show us visions of a world so often lacking in mercy, as well as worlds in which one merciful act alters the landscape of human experience forever. Produced by the Arts & Faith online community, this [list](#) spans 93 years of cinema, from 1921's The Kid and The Phantom Carriage to 2014's Love & Mercy.

Maryknoll Year of Mercy Resources

Maryknoll has developed various resources to use for the Year of Mercy:

Watch a Mercy [Movie](#), Record a Mercy [Moment](#), set up a Parish [Mission](#) for your community, and more. Email Anna Clarke at aclarke@maryknoll.org with any questions or requests.

Meditations on Mercy

Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy the USCCB 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.

Archdiocesan Webpage for The Year of Mercy

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.

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.

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.

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

New OYYAE Website

Exciting news! Announcing the official launch of oyyae.org, their new online home! Feedback is welcome and encouraged! Please let us know how we can improve this new home, as well as serve you better.

NW Catholic App

The 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](#)

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 (Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time): [On Political Participation](#)

This brief article explains why Christians---who are citizens of a world to come---must also be citizens of this world whose faith can help to influence and shape society's well-being.

September Meditation on Mercy Each month during the Jubilee of Mercy, we 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. The monthly reflections are based on scripture passages and Misericordiae Vultus, the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of Mercy. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB](#) website for more information.

NCCL-Catechetical Update



The [National Conference of Catechetical Leaders](#) publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

[Webinar Series on Amoris Laetitia](#)

The four Catholic organizations comprising the Strong Catholic Families national partnership (NFCYM, NCEA, NCCL and NACFLM) are collaborating together this fall/winter to host a free four-part webinar series for pastoral and ministry leaders and teachers on Amoris Laetitia entitled *The Pastoral Response in Accompanying Families in Faith*. Our goal is to inspire leaders to come up with authentic pastoral responses to Amoris Laetitia, and to engage them in accompanying families in bringing home the faith.

To learn more about this organization and view their resources, visit the [website](#).

Featured Websites

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship \(en Espanol\)](#), our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. *Hard copies and the DVD are available for loan from the Library Media Center.*

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.

Being A Faith-Filled Catechist APP

Follow the theme of this year's **Catechetical Sunday "Faith: The Faith Prayed"** all year round with this [helpful APP](#) from Our Sunday Visitor.

The "Being a Faith-filled Catechist" App is designed to nourish each catechist's vocation, allowing them a way to pray with modern tools. There are sections for praying with the Saints, excerpts from books published by Our Sunday Visitor about prayer, prayer activities and blessings to use with learners in the classroom, daily devotionals, and much more. This app is designed with Catechists and Catechetical leaders in mind to support prayer in all aspects of their daily life.

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. 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.



Word On Fire Show

A weekly podcast from Bishop Robert Barron on faith and culture. Each week, the [Word On Fire](#) Show will release a new episode featuring Bishop Barron and our Content Director, Brandon Vogt. To learn more information and find out how to subscribe (iPhone, Android, PC, etc.) to this great resource, click [here!](#)



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Helpful Links

NFCYM-Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth

A collaborative effort by four national Catholic organizations to help church leaders envision how the Catholic Church can more effectively partner with parents to help bring home the faith.

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.

Catechist Journey

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

eCatechist

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

TeamRCIA

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

Teaching Catholic Kids

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

Vibrant Faith at Home

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

Word On Fire

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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