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Message from Gary
Consultation on Sacramental Preparation

Following the Archdiocesan Synod, one of the goals has been to foster broader and deeper engagement in the sacramental life of the church. One aspect of this effort is to strengthen Sacramental Preparation in our parishes. In light of that, the Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry is collaborating with Mareda to help parishes assess and improve their sacramental preparation for infant baptism, first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation. We plan to:

- Develop a self-assessment instrument based on sacramental guidelines and best practices
- Provide an annual workshop and networking session
- Identify mentor/consultants to assist parishes

To do this, we want your help. We will hold a Consultation on Sacramental Preparation, with a focus on First Reconciliation and First Communion on Monday, April 29, 2019 at Holy Angels Parish in West Bend. (Registration information below in Upcoming Events.)

This will be a conversation about preparing young people and their families for these important sacraments. We want to hear your successes and the challenges you experience.

Even if you are not directly responsible for the preparation of First Eucharist or Reconciliation, you are invited to be part of this consultation.

If you took part in the consultation that was part of the Mareda event on February 20, you should know that this will be a repeat of that process.

Sunday Mass and Catechetical Ministry

We will continue in the next issue with further reflections on inviting, preparing and encouraging Catholics to participate more regularly and fruitfully in weekly Mass. In the meantime, what do YOU do in your programs or parish to encourage Sunday Mass attendance? How does your ministry invite or prepare parishioners to participate in Mass? Share with us, so we can share ideas with our readers. Email to pokornyg@archmil.org

A “Liturgy Wall” - by Liz Kuhn, Queen of Apostles Parish

The Liturgy Wall was constructed out of two bulletin boards... One side was entitled, “The WORD – What is God saying to us today?” This side contained visuals connecting the Liturgical Year to the Books of the Bible to the Bible Timeline. It also hosted a question of the week based on the Readings.
The other side was entitled, “The EUCHARIST – What is God receiving as our thanks today?” This side addressed the meaning of Eucharist which is thanksgiving. Parishioners were able to post and share notes about what thanks they were bringing to Mass that day.

We also had a quiz that kids could take based on the Liturgy Wall. Prizes were awarded -- all having to do with the Mass. For more information, contact Liz at lizk@queenofapostles.net

Message from Jennifer

Do you know why is April 1st known as "April Fool's Day"?
Learn the Catholic Origins

CYM News

Publicize your Summer Activities for Catholic Kids

Will your parish be offering a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for young children? Will you have a summer program for teens? Expand your publicity by listing your programs on the archdiocesan website. By listing your program on the archdiocesan website, you get free publicity which means new families may connect with your program and you are contributing to the combined effort of proudly publicizing the many summer opportunities offered by Catholic parishes.

Click here to find instructions on how to post events. Don't forget to tag the event by selecting 'vacation bible school' and/or 'summer youth program'

Keep your graduates connected to the Church when they go to college

Is your parish seeking to improve post-confirmation ministry with young people? The Archdiocese of Milwaukee continues to work with Newman Connection to help connect college-bound seniors with the Catholic campus ministry at their new college or university.

It is a very simple process of collecting names of graduating seniors and the college they plan to attend. Submit your list to Newman Connection, a national non-profit, who will share those names with the campus ministry or Newman Center at the respective university. The campus ministers will be able to reach out to the new freshmen when they arrive on campus. There is no cost for this service, nor is there any need to share personal information about your students.

A packet has been mailed to each parish youth minister (or DRE) from Newman Connection with instructions. Please do what you can to help keep our young people connected with the
Church in their new environment.
Experience shows that an invitation from a student on campus or a campus minister is way more effective than a call from mom, dad or grandma and grandpa asking the student if they’ve gone to Church this week.

This is the 3rd year our archdiocese is involved. Each year, we’ve increased participation. Last year, Catholic high schools and parishes in the archdiocese submitted names and college destinations of 1428 graduating seniors! We can increase the connections with your help. Please join in the effort.

Updated Grade-Specific Religious Education Curriculum

The Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry, in collaboration with the Office for Schools, has revised the Grade-Specific Religious Education Curriculum.

The curriculum identifies core religious concepts for each grade level 4K-8 and expresses these in competency-based language. The expectations for each grade are organized around the four pillars of the Catechism. Scripture is woven throughout.

The last revision of the curriculum was in 2004. In 2018, a team of catechetical leaders, principals and teachers thoroughly reviewed and revised these guidelines. The content is not radically different since church teaching has not changed, and grade-level abilities are in continuity with the past. But there are a few differences worth noting:

- Revised format - The 2014 version presented each grade on a single page, with content arranged in four quadrants. In the 2018 revision, each grade takes two pages (larger font), and is arranged simply as a list with subdivisions.
- There is improved continuity across grade levels. Often, concepts are introduced in one grade, and developed in subsequent grades. In the former version, there were some noticeable lacunae.
- In many cases, the verbs have been changed to better reflect deepening levels of appropriation. For example, there are intentional differences between uses of being familiar with, memorizing, understanding, or explaining an aspect of the faith.

Moving forward, please use the new Grade-Specific Religious Education Curriculum as your reference, or in meetings with catechists or parents

CYM Basketball

Thanks to the parishes that sponsored CYM Basketball Teams for their teens. The post-season tournament was held the weekends of March 1-10.
Congratulations to the 2019 Champions in each Division:
Girls Lower: St Charles, Hartland
Girls Upper: St Joe's, Grafton
Boys Silver Lower: St Monica, Whitefish Bay
Boys Silver Above: St Jude, Wauwatosa
Boys Gold Below: St Mary, Hales Corners
Boys Gold Above: St Dominic, Brookfield

It’s not too soon to make plans for CYM Sports next year. Visit www.cymsports.com and click “Create/Join a Team.”

Celebration of Catholic Scouting Recap

Congratulations to our Catholic Scouts! On March 23, 2019, 60 Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were recognized at the Archdiocesan Celebration of Catholic Scouting event for having earned a religious emblem. Each received a special patch from Archbishop Jerome Listecki who presided at the Mass and ceremony. Archbishop Jerome Listekci also bestowed three St Anne awards and two St. George emblems. These diocesan adult awards are given to those who were nominated by their peers in recognition for their noteworthy contributions and commitment to Catholic Scouting. You can find more information and pictures by visiting https://www.archmil.org/scouts/Celebration-of-Catholic-Scouting-Recap.htm.

Upcoming Events

Download the Catechesis & Youth Ministry Office Calendar to stay up to date on events.
NCYC Webinar: Formation of Teens & Adults- April 10

Planning on taking a group to NCYC 2019? Join us on April 10th at 3:00pm for our Formation of Teens & Adults Webinar. During this webinar, we discuss how to form both your teens & adults as they prepare to embark on the NCYC pilgrimage. Register for the Webinar.

For more information on NCYC, including videos from our 2017 pilgrimage, go to www.archmil.org/ncyc

Consultation on Sacramental Preparation

Join us on Monday, April 29th from 9:30am - 11:30 at Holy Angels Parish in West Bend for our Consultation on Sacramental Preparation. During this consultation, we will focus on preparing young people and their families for 1st Eucharist and Reconciliation. Even if you are not directly responsible for the preparation of First Eucharist or Reconciliation, you are encouraged to be part of this consultation. Register Now

Family Perspectives

May 2, 2019
9:00am - 2:30pm
Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Milwaukee

Family Perspectives is a comprehensive approach to support your efforts to integrate family ministry in your parish! After you attend the one day workshop to review the latest research and

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Church teaching on ministering to and engaging families in faith, there will be an individualized follow-up for your parish. Parishes that participate will receive 4 to 6 hours of on-site support to offer guidance and resources to make your family ministry come alive and be more meaningful in your community. To find out more and to register, click here

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**Finish Line - an End of Year Gathering for DREs/DYM**

May 7, 2019
Good Shepherd Parish, Menomonee Falls

Runners not only properly nourish their body and recover well, but they also work hard to build endurance. They endure long runs, do speed workouts, lift weights, stretch and push through pain. Likewise, as leaders in the church, we work hard to pass on the faith, help others fix their eyes on Jesus, help them strengthen their faith and endure the race. Sometimes we reach the finish line sore and tired but also invigorated to start again. We have had so many successes this year and we are in need of refreshment as we begin again with new vigor and joy.

Join other DREs, Youth Ministers and Faith Formation Coordinators from across the Archdiocese for a day to reenergize, rest and relax while celebrating all you God has accomplished through you this year. There is no cost to you to attend, but please register. View Schedule & Register Now

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**Reach Out Reach In - July 14-19, 2019**

Reach Out Reach In is a local summer service week, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, for teens aged 15 through 18, who have completed 9th grade and who want to be involved in direct service and social action. The sites, located around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, organic farms, child care and more. The experience includes community, simple living, prayer, and justice education. The cost is reasonable ($250; $265 after April 30th).

**We also invite YOU** to consider serving on the team for the week of Reach Out Reach In. Adults serve as worksite leaders who accompany youth to their service sites, supervise during the week, and help young people reflect on their experience.

More information can be found on the flyer or by visiting our website

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**National Catholic Youth Conference-**
**Register Your Group Now**

November 21-24, 2019
Indianapolis, Indiana
The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis in November 2019. NCYC is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones.

Now is the time for groups to sign up through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to attend the conference. Once you have determined your total number of participants (youth and adult), please complete the Initial Group Registration Form online and send the $125 per person deposit to us before the April 26th deadline. These deposits are Non-Refundable/Non-Transferable as the money will be used to secure our travel & hotel arrangements.

Resources:

- Initial Group Registration Form - Due 4/26/19
- Group Leader Resources - Forms, Dates, Details, Webinars, etc
- General NCYC FAQ
- Group Leader FAQ
- Customizable NCYC Promotional Flyer – you can fill in the necessary information for your parish

For more information on NCYC, including videos from our 2017 pilgrimage, go to www.archmil.org/ncyc

Archdiocese News

Submit your 2020 Confirmation date request!

It’s time for parishes to submit date requests for high school Confirmation for 2020. Only by exception is youth Confirmation celebrated without a bishop. Bishops are available to confirm in 2020 beginning January 9, 2020, and continuing through March 29, 2020. Confirmations will resume during the Easter season, beginning April 17, 2020, and continuing through Sunday, May 31, 2020. Confirmation dates will also be available in the fall, from September 10, 2020 through November 13, 2020. Date requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use this [link] to submit your request no later than June 7, 2019. Questions can be directed to Nancy Kerns, at 414-769-3594 or kernsn@archmil.org.
Pray, Reconcile, Rejoice - 12 Hours of Reconciliation

One parish in each of our ten deaneries will be hosting Pray, Reconcile, Rejoice: 12 Hours of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. All are invited to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation by visiting one of the hosting parishes.

175 Alive

Join us on May 4, 2019, to commemorate and celebrate the day the first Bishop of Milwaukee, Bishop John Martin Henni arrived in Milwaukee in 1844. The celebration will start in Pere Marquette Park, then process to the Cathedral for an 11 a.m. Mass. We will continue our celebration in Cathedral Square, as we join together in a fun-filled family day of music, food, and games. Visit the 175 Alive Page for more information.

175 Alive - 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

During the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s 175 Alive event in downtown Milwaukee on May 4, 2019, children in grades 5-12 are invited to play in our FREE 3-on-3 basketball tournament! From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. that day, the 3-on-3 tournament will be divided into three age group categories with a limit of 8 teams per age group.
Team sign up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Get your team together, and sign up today!

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From our Friends

Open House: Saturday Institute for Lay Ministries

Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 9 AM – 10:30 AM
Do you want to take your faith and your service to the next level? Come learn more about Cardinal Stitch's non-degree program that combines scripture, theology, spirituality, and ministry. The Open House will take place in Bonaventure Hall at the south end of the campus of Cardinal Stritch University. More information about the Saint Clare Center can be found at www.stritch.edu/SaintClareCenter

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Catholics at the Capital

April 30 @ 8am-5pm | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center, Madison

Join hundreds of Wisconsin Catholics in Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) joins several Catholic organizations in hosting this event. This event marks the Wisconsin Catholic Conference’s 50th Anniversary and 20 years of hosting Catholics at the Capitol. Get the details & Register here. The Archdiocese has chartered a bus and tickets are $20. Reserve your bus ticket.

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Opportunities for Graduate Studies
Have you ever considered pursuing a master’s degree in theology or religious studies? You might be surprised by how affordable and “do-able” it can be! Applications are still being accepted!

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology
Master of Arts in Systematic Theology
The Cor Unum (One Heart) program offers a Master of Arts in Systematic Theology, and is designed for students who seek to evangelize and heal a fractured world, putting the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church into action. Cor Unum builds bonds among members of a cohort and with faculty, creating a vibrant community that will endure past graduation. About 12 students are accepted into each cohort, and journey together through a pre-determined 22-month program to complete the 33-credit Master of Arts degree. The deadline for admissions is April 30, 2019. Scholarships are available. Contact Dr. Mike Brummond, Director of MA Program, at mbrummond@shsst.edu, or 414-858-4661.

Cardinal Stritch University
Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
Pace e Bene is a 30-credit Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program that enables men and women to be formed as disciples in the service of the Church in 21st century American society. Classes are offered in an 8-week, face-to-face format. Students receive an integrated formation that is especially suited for lay ecclesial service and the New Evangelization. Through Franciscan Seminars, an internship, and a concluding portfolio, students will acquire the practical skills, resources and personal contacts that make ministry effective. Retreats, spiritual direction and formational opportunities help students to grow in friendship, fellowship and faith. Applications are still being accepted for Fall, 2019. Contact Father Steve Lampe at sjlampe@stritch.edu or 414-410-4620.

Steubenville Rochester
Partnership for Youth will be hosting Steubenville Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN on July 12-14 this summer! Steubenville Rochester is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 8th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more.

Visit www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/ for more information.
Resources

Religious Education and the Seder

As we look ahead toward Holy Week, our parishes are planning opportunities for prayer and formation. Some parishes seek to educate parishioners on the Jewish roots of our own faith by teaching about or even hosting a Seder Meal, the ritual meal that Jews celebrate to mark Passover. This may be done with good intentions, but we must also be careful about what and how we teach. Learn more about Seder Meals & the Church's Guidelines.

Cyber Safety for Parents

You may be aware that there are highly inappropriate videos circulating online and are being viewed by children across the country and around the world. These video clips are appearing on many social media sites and YouTube including “YouTube Kids”.

A video starts innocently like the start of a “Peppa Pig” episode, or a “Fortnite” video, but quickly turn into altered versions that have violence and offensive language in them. “Momo”, a deformed and deranged white masked character which is promoting children to do dangerous tasks without telling their parents, is also showing up in videos. Examples of tasks Momo suggests include asking the children to turn the gas on their stove on, or find pills or medicine in the house and take them.

It can be highly distressing for the children to view these images/videos. We encourage parish leaders to be aware of these activities and to provide parents with any support needed. Sadly, this will not be the last social media scare that appears. Therefore, it is important that both children and adults know about cyber safety.

Below are a few resources regarding this issue:

- Click here for Online Safety Tips for Parents
- Click here for an article on Internet Safety
- Click here for an article on Digital Citizenship

Here is a message from a local Catholic school principal to parents on the issue: "We urge all of our families to be ever vigilant about what your children see and hear on the internet and via social media. Rather than sharing warnings that perpetuate and mythologize these viral cyber scares, a better approach is to focus on good, positive advice for your children regarding all internet and social media use. We recommend limiting screen time, monitoring computer and cell phone usage, and utilizing parental settings on all devices. Most importantly, talk regularly with your children about internet usage and the many unforeseen risks that come with online activity."
Archdiocese of Milwaukee 175th Anniversary Patch

Here's a great way to get kids connected with our Archdiocese's history. Archdiocese of Milwaukee is offering a patch commemorating our 175th Anniversary. Patch can be earned by young people in grades 1st - 12th by completing the activities that help them learn about the history of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This is a great activity for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, classes, families or any young Catholics. Adults who assist youth with requirements and activities are eligible to earn the patch as well. When requirements are complete, patches are purchased online through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Learn more about the 175th Anniversary patch and download activities.

Looking for other 175th Anniversary resources, visit the Archdiocese's 175th Website Page.

Save the Date

Catechetical Conference

August 23-24, 2019
Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Milwaukee

Save the Date for the 2019 Catechetical Conference. The conference theme this year will be PROCLAIMING CHRIST YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW. This conference will offer presentations for catechists, catechetical leaders, and others who pass on the faith. Please mark your calendar for yourself, your catechists and friends.

Job Openings

Child Ministry Leader - St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus

Youth Ministry Leader & RCIA Coordinator - St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus

Director of Faith Formation - St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee

Director of Faith Formation - Kenosha Racine County Line Catholic Parishes

High School Youth Minister - St. Paul / St. Bruno, Genesee Depot

*** To have your job openings included in the newsletter, please send information with a link to: murphyjc@archmil.org
**District Meetings**

**District 9 (SCORE)**  
April 2 @ 10:00am  
St. Dominic - Sheboygan

**District 7**  
April 11 @ 10:00am  
St. Mary - Mayville

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