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## **A Note from the Editor**

On September 25, 1997, Cardinal Francis George blessed the opening of the Jegen Center for Catechetical Media and Research. It was one of his first official events after arriving as our Cardinal. That was ten years ago! How we have grown and continually moved forward with the changing times!

For many years the 16mm films were housed in the Jegen Center and used by various parishes. However, after a number of years when no one asked for them they were moved to a new home at the Archives and Records center of the Archdiocese. At the same time the filmstrips with their records or audio-tapes were also sent to the Archives.

The Jegen Center meanwhile has expanded its collection of videos tremendously. It also has a significant number of CDs and a growing collection of DVDs.

During the first years in operation the Jegen Center along with the Publishing Companies promoted numerous workshops that were hosted in the Jegen Center. Part of the reason for this was to help people become familiar with the center. We host more of the workshops at other sites now, since parking has become a big challenge on Fry Street!

The early years saw us organize an Advisory Board of people from various Archdiocesan offices and a Publishers' Connection Board from the major publishing companies who work with us. We still meet with the Publishers' Connection four times a year. It is a wonderful liaison group, offering not only advice, but also whatever services they can provide.

The major focus of our workshops now is on catechetical resources and technological tools. We provide training in various software packages for catechetical leaders, teachers, youth ministers and catechists, to enable them in their ministry. Often the vocation to spread the message of Jesus Christ does not come with technological know-how. This is

where we can help. We also offer regular opportunities when we gather many of the publishers to present their products and answer the questions from the people in the field.



So how are we planning to celebrate this year? One of the major projects we are planning is to provide our regular members with topical listings of available resources. This will be offered both in print and on CD to all the parishes and institutions who have maintained their annual membership in the Jegen Center. It will possibly be available for purchase for those who do not have an annual membership. A list of our current members can be found in this newsletter. Annual parish and institution membership that allows unlimited use of the media and free standard one-way shipping is still only \$120 per year.

Some parishes and institutions no longer find annual membership feasible. This can be due to a variety of reasons: financial constraints, parish and school closings, down-sizing, etc. We would like to encourage you not to give up on participating in the excellent offerings the media center has but to consider the individual membership option. For sixty dollars a year you and your family can have all the benefits of membership, and if you want the free one-way shipping it is just fifteen dollars more. Where else can you find such a collection of quality materials where you don't have to worry about sex, violence, and bad language? Where else can you find instant media help for values education and moral development? Where else can you find media that supports your efforts at religious training for your children? If you are interested in being part of the media center in this way, just call us at 312-243-4562 or email [jegen@archchicago.org](mailto:jegen@archchicago.org).

  
**JegenCenter**  
*Gospel message meets media*

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## **Current Parish/Institution Members of the Jegen Center in Good Standing**

1. Christ the King
2. Cristo Rey High School
3. Holy Rosary (Western Ave.)
4. Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph
5. Immaculate Heart of Mary
6. Mary Queen of Heaven
7. Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo
8. Misión San Juan Diego
9. Our Lady of Good Counsel
10. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Maryville
11. Our Lady of Hope
12. Our Lady of Loretto
13. Our Lady of Mercy
14. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica
15. Our Lady of Victory
16. Queen of All Saints Basilica
17. Resurrection Parish
18. St. Alphonsus/Wellington
19. St. Bartholomew
20. St. Bernardine
21. St. Blase
22. St. Catherine/St. Lucy, Oak Park
23. St. Colette
24. St. Daniel the Prophet
25. St. Edward
26. St. Francis de Sales, Lake Zurich
27. St. Germaine
28. St. Giles
29. St. Henry
30. St. James, Wabash
31. St. John Brebeuf
32. St. John Fisher
33. St. Josaphat
34. St. Kevin
35. St. Marcelline
36. St. Margaret Mary
37. St. Maria Goretti
38. St. Mary, Buffalo Grove
39. St. Mary, Riverside
40. St. Mary of Celle
41. St. Mary of the Lake Parish
42. St. Mary of the Woods
43. St. Matthias (Ainslie)
44. St. Michael (Old Town)
45. St. Nicholas of Tolentine
46. St. Paul Chong Hasang
47. St. Pius V
48. St. Rosalie
49. St. Stanislaus Kostka
50. St. Symphorosa
51. St. Thecla
52. St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church
53. St. Vincent de Paul

54. St. Walter
55. St. Wenceslaus
56. St. William
57. Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity
58. Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission
59. Visitation, Elmhurst

If you think you are a member of the Jegen Center in good standing and you do not see your name in this list, please call Terrie at 312-243-4562 to check it out! If you want to become a member or reinstate a lapsed membership, give us a call too!



## **Resources You Should Know**

Many of you are familiar with the Catholic Update materials either in print or in video and DVD formats. You may not be aware of how extensive a collection we have of these materials. As the videos have been transferred to DVD format we have been acquiring them. The following is a listing of the Catholic Update titles we have in the Jegen Center.

- DVD240043 **Catholic Update; A Walk Through the Mass** [2006].
- DVD240045 **Catholic Update; Adult Baptism, Exploring Its Meaning;** [2006].
- DVD240044 **Catholic Update; Becoming Catholic, An Adult's Faith Journey;** [2006].
- VC122165 **Catholic Update; Caring with Faith, Facing My Own Suffering and Loss** [1999]
- VC123554 **Catholic Update; Caring with Faith, Toward Death with Hope** [2000].
- VC123555 **Catholic Update; Caring With Faith; Suffering With a Love One** [2000].
- DVD240046 **Catholic Update; Eucharist, Celebrating Christ Present;** [2006].
- DVD130047 **Catholic Update; First Communion, Taking a Place at the Table;** [2006].
- VC134324 **Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Forming Confirmation Sponsors.** [2002].
- DVD240042 **Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Forming RCIA Sponsors;** [2006].
- VC134323 **Catholic Update; Handing on the Faith, Godparents of Children** [2002]
- VC130937 **Catholic Update; Infant Baptism, A Gift to the Community.** [1996].
- VC013553 **Catholic Update; On Fire with Faith, Forming Adult Disciples** [2002].
- VC082412 **Catholic Update; Planning Your Wedding Liturgy** [2000].
- VC131890 **Catholic Update; Preparing Your Child for First Reconciliation.** [1999].
- VC204515 **Catholic Update; Responding to Grief, Training Bereavement Ministers.** [2003].

DVD130040 **Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit; Spirit and Community**; [2006].  
 VC133005 **Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit, Spirit Alive in Community**. [2001].  
 VC133001 **Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit; Sacrament of Confirmation**. [2001].  
 DVD130039 **Catholic Update; Sealed with God's Spirit; Sacrament of Confirmation**; [2006].  
 VC163602 **Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray, Befriending God in Prayer**. [2001].  
 VC123552 **Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray; Praying Our Questions**. [2001].  
 VC162410 **Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray; Praying the Psalms**. [2000].  
 VC162411 **Catholic Update; Teach Us to Pray; Praying the Rosary**. [2000].  
 VC133006 **Catholic Update; Teen Discipleship; Sealed With God's Spirit**. [2000].  
 VC084660 **Catholic Update; The Church Celebrates Lent and Easter**. [2004].  
 VC134661 **Catholic Update; The Church's Prayer for the Sick; Sacrament of Anointing**. [2003].  
 VC241414 **Catholic Update; The God Who Reconciles**. [1998].  
 VC084659 **Catholic Update; The Church Celebrates the Liturgical Year and Sunday**; [2004].  
 VC161411 **Catholic Update; The Way of the Cross, Stations on Our Journey of Faith**. [1997].  
 VC204514 **Catholic Update; Training Bereavement Ministers; Funeral Planning**. [2003].  
 VC202164 **Catholic Update; Training Ministers to the Sick; Caring With Faith**. [1999].  
 VC240936 **Catholic Update; Understanding the Sacraments**. [1996].  
 VC241408 **Catholic Update; What Makes Us Catholic? Discovering Our Catholic Identity**. [1997].

Fr. Joe Kempf is on DVD with his puppet, Big Al:

DVD150075 **Big Al Live! Gospel Values for Children; Volume 1** [2007]  
 DVD150076 **Big Al Live! Gospel Values for Children; Volume 2** [2007].  
 DVD150077 **Big Al Live! Gospel Values for Children; Volume 3**; [2007].

Other good titles for children are:

DVD170037 **Catholic Basics for Kids** [2006]  
 DVD040019 **Hermie and Friends; Buzby, the Misbehaving Bee**; [2005].  
 DVD040018 **Hermie and Friends; Webster, the Scaredy Spider**; [2004].

In the area of social justice, there are a number of powerful little-known films done by Gerard Straub. We have some of the collection on DVD:

DVD100079 **Embracing the Leper; The Story of Amazon Relief** [2003].  
 DVD100080 **Endless Exodus; The Sorrowful Journey of the Migrants**; [2004].  
 DVD100081 **The Patients of a Saint**; [2005].  
 DVD100082 **Poverty and Prayer**; [2004].  
 DVD100064 **When Did I See you Hungry?** [2002]

In the area of working with various cultures, the North American Institute for Catholic Evangelization (NAICE) explored this topic extensively in a recent conference. We have the collection of three DVDs which are good for getting a better understanding of the cultural diversities that abound in our society.

#### **Evangelizing God's People in a Culture of Diversity**; [2007].

Disc 1: DVD050086  
 Disc 2: DVD050087  
 Disc 3: DVD050088



#### **News from the Publishing World**

If you haven't heard, RCL and Benziger have both been bought by CFM Religion Publishing Group, LLC and are now known as RCL Benziger. They are retaining the products from both branches of the company and will continue to serve the catechetical needs of the Catholic population formerly served by the two separate companies. If you want to read more about this development check the website at [www.rclbenziger.com](http://www.rclbenziger.com). The following are some of your local representatives:

**Apostolate for Family Consecration:** Theresa Lawson  
 800-77-FAMILY x 4015 [theresa235@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theresa235@sbcglobal.net)

**Harcourt Religion Publishers:** Brian Topping  
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**Ignatius Press:** Julie Johnson  
 800-779-5534 [julie@ignatius.com](mailto:julie@ignatius.com)

**Loyola Press:** Sr. Charlotte Enright  
 800-256-0589 x 241 [enright@loyolapress.com](mailto:enright@loyolapress.com)

**RCL Benziger:** Ray Marchi  
 877-275-4725 x 6925 [rmarchi@rclbenziger.com](mailto:rmarchi@rclbenziger.com)

**William H. Sadlier, Inc:** Tom Ivanitz  
 877-714-2665 [Tivanitz@sadlier.com](mailto:Tivanitz@sadlier.com)

**Silver Burdett Ginn:** Peter Caragiulo  
 800-435-3499 x 8676 [peter.caragiulo@pearson.com](mailto:peter.caragiulo@pearson.com)



### Upcoming Events

Save the date—September 28th at the OCS Tech Lab located at Gordon Tech High School. Frank Koob and Sr. Judy will offer a variety of hands-on technological presentations for helping you in the catechetical ministry. The registration flier has already gone in the summer mailing, but if you didn't pay attention to it and it made its way into the circular file, you can contact us with this information:

**Friday, September 28, 2007**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**at the Office of Catholic Schools' tech lab  
located at Gordon Tech High School  
3633 N. California Avenue,  
Chicago, 60618-4602**

#### Schedule:

- 9:00 Gathering
- 9:15 Welcome and Prayer
- 9:30 Creating PowerPoint Prayer Experiences
- 10:45 Helpful Websites and Freebees for Ministry
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Keeping a Budget through Microsoft Excel
- 1:45 Introduction to Microsoft Publisher
- 3:00 Evaluation and Closing

This is a hands-on workshop, sponsored by the Jegen Center. Space is limited, so register early. Lunch is included.

RSVP by 09/21/07

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fee:

# of Participants \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

50% discount for Jegen Members - \_\_\_\_\_

(Total) = \_\_\_\_\_

Call or email us to reserve the space. You may bring your check with you or mail it ahead of time, payable to: Jegen Center, OFCYM

### For Your Enrichment

Over the last few weeks various writings of the Holy See have been promulgated that the media at times has taken out of context causing confusion. Cardinal George has written a clear and concise article on "Who is the Church?" which can be found in the August 5th edition of the Catholic New World or online at [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org). We would also like to emphasize that the Jegen Center has ample resources if you are interested in reviewing and/or learning more about your Catholic faith. We encourage you to spend some quality time in deepening your faith and pursuing your professional and spiritual development. Be sure to make the Chicago Catechetical Conference a priority on your "to do" list for November 16 and 17! The registration book is already available online at [www.catechesis-chicago.org](http://www.catechesis-chicago.org). Besides excellent liturgies and workshops, it is also an ideal time to meet with publishers and other vendors—and to do your Christmas shopping!

If you are looking for some worthwhile videos or DVDs to watch in the evenings or over the weekends, you might find some of the following enriching.

DVD170023 **Jesus Decoded; Catholic Belief versus Modern Fiction**; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/USCCB. [2006].

#### Mystery of Faith: Introduction to Catholicism

Presenter: Father Michael Himes

VC170748 **Baptism**

VC170749 **Reconciliation**

VC170750 **Church**

VC170751 **Eucharist**

VC170752 **Salvation**

VC170753 **Grace**

VC170754 **Sacraments of Vocation**

VC171160 **Tradition**

VC171161 **Trinity**

VC171162 **Incarnation**



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