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A Note from the Editor:

This edition of the newsletter brings you numerous suggestions for videos for Lent, the Triduum, and Easter. The Jegen Center also has many book titles that enrich your preparation for the feast of Christ's Resurrection.

You will also find a listing of the upcoming workshops. If you are currently using a religious education textbook that has not been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, please plan to attend one of the four sites for the Textbook Selection Workshop and Pubs and Subs. You are also welcomed to attend if you just want to see what is available in the religious education textbook world. You will notice that we are also offering a workshop on Family Catechesis and an Ecumenical workshop. I hope you can find the time in your busy schedules to attend one or more of these enriching events.

Videos for Lent, Triduum and Easter:



VC150853 30 min Primary

The Story of Easter/Beginner's Bible

Note: The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is told by animated characters. Part of *The Beginner's Bible Series*.

VC15381 Five 10 min segments Primary

Jesus for Kids; Animated Bible Stories for Ages 4-6

Note: This is a five segment video designed to be an introduction to the life of Jesus for young children, ages 4 to 6; these stories are based on the gospels. The five 10 minutes programs are: The First Christmas, Jesus the Storyteller, Jesus the Miracle-Worker, Jesus the Healer, and The First Easter.

VC041024 25 min Prim-Intermed

The Magic Boy's Easter

Note: Ten-year-old Josh suffers from a crippling bone disease, which could be helped by surgery, but Josh is very afraid to have the operation. In the hospital he meets a young girl cured surgically of a serious illness, and a somewhat cynical but caring magician who often performs for the children in the hospital. Whisked away to Biblical times in a dream, Josh encounters Lazarus and Joanna, both healed by Jesus, and a street performer who helps him understand the power of believing. His dream ends as Christ, on His way to the cross, takes the time to heal Josh. When he wakes up, he willingly consents to the surgery realizing that Jesus will always be with him.

VC043811 41 min Prim-Intermed

Francesco's Friendly World; The Last Stone

Note: When a storm damages the church at San Damiano, Francesco and his animal friends work to repair it before the people arrive for sunrise worship on Easter Sunday. It all comes down to the last minute and the last stone. Francesco's mystical ability to get all the animals to work together provides a positive message of unity and faith.

VC040940 (English) 35 min Prim-Intermed

The Proud Tree

VC040608 (Spanish) **El Arbol Orgullosa**

Note: This video tells children the story of the Crucifixion from the viewpoint of Rex, the tree that became the cross Jesus carried to Calvary. Rex, proud and ungrateful, learns a lesson from the humble, gentle Jesus. Sadness and sympathy for the suffering Jesus mingle with the joy and exultation of the Resurrection as an old familiar story is told in a new and memorable way.

VC083725 10 min Prim-Intermed

Following Jesus through the Church Year; Lenten Lane

Note: Detective Krispin arrives in Nazareth and meets with a carpenter who knows Mary and Joseph. He tells Krispin to travel to Jerusalem because Jesus is celebrating Passover there. Krispin meets Joel, the prophet, who marks him with ashes as he begins a 40 mile trek through the "Valley of Lent" to the "Palm Sunday Crossroad". Krispin is refreshed by cool water given to him by the woman at the well, and he rests at the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

VC080113 15 min Prim-Intermed

Celebrating the Church Year for Children; Easter

Note: This video communicates the dynamism of Easter, a time of new life through the resurrected Christ. The community of believers celebrates this event with numerous meaningful liturgical signs and family customs. Contains a story in the life of a child today that illustrates the theme of this liturgical season. The video then moves from "experience" to "liturgy" as the liturgical and devotional practices of the season are illustrated and explained. The presenters also offer original prayer services for home and church.

VC081752 14 min Prim-Intermed

The Angel's Lenten Lesson

Note: This video tells the story of Danny who is doing a take home quiz on Lent; his guardian angel Theo appears who helps him remember the heart of the Lenten message -- to follow Jesus. They talk about the most significant days of Lent and Holy Week, the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, parish Lenten Reconciliation services, the Stations of the Cross, and daily prayer with the family. Helps children focus on Lent and preparing for Easter.

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VC083154 11 min Prim-Intermed

The Angel's Church Year Lesson

Note: The angels Vita, Caritas, and Benedicta take children on a journey through the church year to assure them that Jesus is with them always. They open a special "blessing" book that takes them into the journey. Children learn about what happened to Jesus in the church seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.

VC041022 25 min Prim-Intermed

Easter Is

Note: The story of a little boy, Benji and his dog, Waldo and their adventurous discovery of the true meaning of Easter.

VC041400 15 min Prim-Intermed

Stations of the Cross for Children

Note: Fr. Stan invites young viewers to accompany him as he makes the Way of the Cross. Each station is well illustrated, and described in simple and clear language so that children can reflect on what happened there. The descriptions are based on biblical images and stories from tradition. Fr. Stan reflects on each station by asking the children to apply it to a situation they encounter at home or at school, particularly emphasizing courage and conviction as fitting responses to contemporary injustices. The primary goal of the video is to help children view the Stations of the Cross as an opportunity to follow Jesus more closely, emphasizing what they can do today to be more Christlike.

VC151707 (English) 30 min Prim-Intermed

Animated Stories from the New Testament; He Is Risen

VC151691 (Spanish) **Ha Resucitado**

Note: **He is Risen** is the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus. Sorrow and despair become complete joy and love as the disciples behold their resurrected Savior.

VC153288 22 min Prim-Intermed

Jesus: What He Said, What He Did

Note: This video tells of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, the parables of The Prodigal Son and The Good Samaritan, the Sermon on the Mount, some miracles, His Crucifixion, and Resurrection.

VC151378 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; Agony in the Garden

VC151664 (Spanish) **Agonía en Getsemaní**

Note: This video covers Jesus' story from His time in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prays to the Father for relief from the suffering He knows He must endure. It follows with Jesus' arrest, and ends with the part of the story of Peter's denial of Jesus. Animated.

VC151384 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; The Last Supper

VC151690 (Spanish) **La Última Cena**

Note: The apostles enter Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover meal; Judas arranges for Jesus' betrayal; Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with the twelve. Animated.

VC151388 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; Jesus Dies on the Cross

VC151677 (Spanish) **Jesus Muere en la Cruz**

Note: Jesus carries His heavy cross to Calvary, where He dies a painful death. Animated.

VC151395 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; Resurrection of Jesus

VC151684 (Spanish) **La Resurrección**

Note: Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb. Three days later He rises from the dead and appears to Mary Magdalene. Animated.

VC151399 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; Trial of Jesus

VC151679 (Spanish) **El Juicio de Jesus**

Note: Jesus is brought before Caiaphas, Herod, and Pilate, who sentences Him to be crucified. Animated.

VC151400 (English) 30 min Prim-Adolescent

Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers; Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

VC151669 (Spanish) **La Entrada Triunfal en Jerusalén**

Note: Jesus enters the city amidst praises of the Jewish people. He expels money-changers from the temple and teaches the two great commandments. Animated.

VC080106 11 min Intermed-Adolescent

Lenny Learns About Lent

Note: Helps children restore some of the lost luster to Lenten penitential practices by explaining the balance needed between joyous celebration and sober restraint.

VC162231 40 min Intermed-Adult

The Wall

Note: In the early hours of Good Friday morning two thieves, awaiting their crucifixion, agonize in a lonely prison cell. As they grapple with fear about their impending death and the dark of night ends, they glimpse another prisoner who will be crucified with them. They argue about who this other man is, and wonder if he has the power to save their souls as they have heard.

VC082246 55 min Intermed-Adult

Liturgies of the Triduum; Easter Vigil

Note: This video is about the Easter Vigil. Elements of this liturgy include a blazing fire, a newly-lighted candle, and the scriptures which especially this night proclaim the stories of salvation. RCIA candidates, after long preparation, are baptized, anointed with chrism and join the rest of the assembly in the joyful celebration of the Eucharist. This video shows Easter Vigil liturgies from three parishes: San Jose, St. Louis, Washington, D.C.

VC082247 29 min Intermed-Adult

Liturgies of the Triduum; Holy Thursday

Note: This video is about Holy Thursday. Elements of this liturgy include proclaiming scripture readings, washing of feet or some other appropriate gesture, raising a collection for the poor, celebrating Eucharist, and singing in procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The video shows Holy Thursday liturgies from three parishes: San Jose, St. Louis, and Washington D.C.

VC082248 26 min Intermed-Adult

Liturgies of the Triduum; Good Friday

Note: This video is about Good Friday. Elements of this liturgy include proclaiming the scriptures, chanting many prayers of intercession, veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist. The video shows Good Friday liturgies from three parishes: San Jose, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

VC142975 60 min Intermed-Adult

Bible on Video; The Gospel of Luke; Part IV, Easter

Note: This four part video series presents the Gospel of Luke word-for-word using the King James Version of the Bible. It is



set in the Holy Land and is in live-action format. This particular entry is for part IV, Easter. It contains Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Passion and Crucifixion, and His Resurrection and Ascension.

VC130123 12 min Adolescent-Adult
Called by Name; Celebrating Baptism Today
Note: This video about Baptism interweaves several short stories with images of water, and juxtaposes these vignettes with scenes from the Easter Vigil Baptismal ceremony. Baptismal symbols from the quiet of a snowfall to the crashing of a wave, from the brown robe of searching to the white robe of new life are explored in fast-paced sequences. The nature cycle -- life, suffering, death, and new life -- contrasted to the faith cycle -- search, crisis, community, to conversion to faith, to new life -- pulsates throughout the film. It challenges the viewer to reflect on one's own Baptism and what it means to live the Baptismal commitment.

VC161411 43 min Adolescent-Adult
Catholic Update; The Way of the Cross; Stations On Our Journey of Faith
Note: This video offers four different approaches to the traditional Catholic Lenten observance of the Stations of the Cross: spirituality, social justice, history, and a video meditation on the stations. In the story segment, Father Richard Roos, S.J., who in Lent 1979 traveled on foot to each of the Franciscan missions in California, relates his pilgrimage to the Way of the Cross, and tells of its powerful conclusion in a moment of personal conversion. The witness segment features a T.V. news-style report of the "Way of the Cross, Way of Justice" held on Good Friday in a metropolitan setting. Christians carry a large wooden cross and witness to issues of poverty and injustice. In the teaching segment, spiritual writer and teacher Gloria Hutchinson traces the history of the stations and explains step-by-step how to pray them. The music video reflection is a 16 minute video Way of the Cross, narrated by a diverse group of voices, and accompanied by music and artistic representations of the stations.

VC081404 60 min Adolescent-Adult
Easter at the University of Notre Dame: A Celebration of Hope
Note: Join the internationally renowned Folk Choir of the University of Notre Dame in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart as they celebrate Christ's Resurrection and the hope it symbolizes through scripture readings, songs, and hymns. The music takes viewers on a deeply moving journey that enlivens the spirit and strengthens the soul.

VC140939 50 min Adolescent-Adult
Mysteries of the Bible; The Last Supper
Note: As a symbol of love, forgiveness, and everlasting life, few moments in the Bible hold more significance than Jesus' Last Supper in Jerusalem. For many Christians, the symbolic bread and wine from that particular Passover meal are the very centerpiece of worship. Who actually attended the Last Supper? What did they discuss? Did Jesus know of His fate, and that one of His followers would betray Him? Was Judas really guilty of turning Christ over to Roman authorities--or was he a scapegoat? Join the world's leading scientists, scholars, and historians as they continue to debate the specifics of Christ's final celebration with His disciples.

VC240129 (English) 30 min Adolescent-Adult
This Is the Night; A Parish Welcomes New Catholics;
VC241755 (Spanish) **Esta Es la Noche.**
Note: The Easter Vigil crowns the many celebrations that mark the journey a parish makes with those who wish to join it in faith. This comes to life in Pasadena, Texas as St. Pius V Parish welcomes, catechizes, prays for, shares, and renews its life with their catechumens and candidates. St. Pius V is an ordinary parish in a working-class area. Under the leadership of Father Don Neumann, this parish has discovered the power and beauty of the church's liturgy. The video follows the elect and the candidates from the celebration of the third scrutiny during Lent, through their baptisms and receptions at the Easter Vigil, to Easter Sunday morning. In this video, catechumens and candidates, their sponsors, initiation team members, parish staff members, and parishioners all describe their experience of Christian initiation.

VC143290 (English) 47 min Adolescent-Adult
In Remembrance; Their Last Supper Together
VC142467 (Spanish) **En Recordancia**
Note: Long ago, a small group of friends met to share a last meal together. Now, two thousand years later, that simple and distant event is celebrated by people around the world. This video about Jesus' Last Supper is a live-action motion picture, costumed in Jesus' time.

VC140074 Four 30 min segments Adult
Rolling Back the Rock; The Religious Meaning of Holy Week
Note: Reflections on the meaning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday by John Shea. His comments are divided into four half-hour segments, with each segment introduced by an "angel of the Lord" and followed by questions for discussion and reflection.

VC083240 27 min Adult
A Lenten Journey; What Is Temptation Really?
Note: In this video the author draws upon all the scriptural readings for the first two weeks of Lent, and demonstrates how these stories give an overview of all of salvation history, from creation to new life in Christ. He challenges the viewer to examine what temptation really is, and to discover the answers given in Genesis and Luke. He reflects on the power of "call" and "Baptism" as shown in the stories of the call of Abraham and the Transfiguration.

VC083241 27 min Adult
A Lenten Journey; Danger and Desire
Note: In this video the author examines the readings of the Third Sunday of Lent in which water is a primal symbol. He shows its varied dimensions and irony in the Scriptures -- water both gives life, and takes life. He takes the viewer on a reflection into the depth of baptismal imagery, showing how Christian commitment requires dying to self in order to rise with Christ.

VC083242 27 min Adult
A Lenten Journey; God Sees Into the Heart
Note: In this video the author examines the readings of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the theme of which is "light and darkness". God sees into the heart with the unlikely choice of David for king, and the man born blind only sees Christ when he "testifies". The second reading is a vivid description of the Easter Vigil in the early Church, when people literally stumbled through the darkness to receive the light of Christ.



VC083243 27 min Adult

A Lenten Journey; Endless Possibilities

Note: In this video the author examines the readings of the Fifth Sunday of Lent. When Jesus is asked to "come and see" the tomb of his friend Lazarus, it is a reminder of the "come and see" that Jesus extended to his first followers. When Jesus weeps and is troubled by Lazarus' death, it foreshadows the reaction of the disciples to his death. The author shares the insight that life for Lazarus and for all holds endless possibilities; death will not have the last word, the living God will.

VC240756 30 min Adult

Catholic Update; Eucharist; Celebrating Christ Present

Note: This video offers a key to understanding the Eucharist. The story segment features Assunta, devoted grandmother and parish sacristan, who is busily getting her church ready for the Holy Week celebrations, and helping her daughters plan a traditional Italian Easter dinner. After she is suddenly hospitalized, she and her family need to face the question of who can carry on the traditions of faith and family. This part mirrors how Christians remember Christ in the celebration of Eucharist. In the witness segment, Catholics speak of what celebrating the Eucharist means in their parish communities. The teaching segment explores how the Triduum celebrations focus one's understanding of Eucharist in a balanced manner. The music video reflection, "We Walk With Hunger", suggests how the people, the Body of Christ, can serve a world in need.



VC240755 60 min Adult

Catholic Update; Adult Baptism; Exploring Its Meaning

Note: This video looks at the imagery surrounding the sacrament of Baptism, part of the Church's rite of initiation for adults and infants. The story segment looks at several slices of life, set against the rich imagery of water and the celebration of the Easter Vigil to answer the question of what it means to be baptized. In the witness segment, Catholics speak of what the celebration of their own Baptism means to them. The teaching segment examines the various images used in connection with Baptism, and goes on to offer insights into the question of what it means to be baptized. The music video reflection, "I Say Yes, My Lord" echoes the Christian's ongoing response to Baptism.

VC080087 90 min Family

Journey to Easter

Note: A prayerful thought provoking experience that will bring each member of your family to a deeper more personal experience of lenten renewal and Easter joy.

VC080109 Seven 18 min segments Family

Lent: A Time of Renewal

Note: This seven part program is focused upon the Sunday Gospels of Lent. True stories, drama, music and visual meditation are used.

VC231052 (English) 72 min Family

The Fourth Wise Man

VC233100 (Spanish) **El Cuarto Rey Mago**

Note: A story of the fourth wise man who also knows of the birth of a new king. Starting out a bit later he just misses Jesus at every turn for 33 years until old and dying he meets Jesus on Easter Sunday.

VC041009 17 min Family

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf

Note: Looks at the natural cycle of birth and death through the eyes of Freddie the Leaf and his friend Daniel.



Workshops - Save the Dates

March 4, 2003 10:00 - 1:00 pm
Jo Rotunno

Theme: **Family Catechesis**

Sponsored by Harcourt Religion Publishers in collaboration with the Jegen Center

No Charge; Lunch Included

Location: Jegen Center

1025 W. Fry Street, Chicago

RSVP to Terrie Wepner at 312-243-4562

Parking Is Available

March 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2003 - 9:30 - 1:30 pm
Textbook Selection Workshops with Pubs 'n Subs

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry Office, the Office of Catholic Schools, and the Office for Catechesis, through the Jegen Center

These workshops will be held regionally to attend to the needs of the parishes and schools who are looking to adopt new religion textbooks. The major religion textbook publishing companies will join us at each site to share their materials. They will also provide lunch of sub sandwiches as you browse through their materials and ask all your questions. If you are not yet using texts that have been found to be in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church by the Bishops' commission, this is the time to see what is available for your use. Watch for details on locations of the workshops.

Sites: Monday, March 10, 2003 -
North: St. Joseph, Libertyville

Tuesday, March 11, 2003 -
South: St. Jude, South Holland

Wednesday, March 12, 2003 -
East: Jegen Center

Thursday, March 13, 2003 -
West: St. John of the Cross, Western Springs

March 25, 2003 9:30 - 11:30 am
Rabbi Larry Edwards and Sr. Mary Ellen Coombe

Title: **Retelling Our Stories: Pitfalls and Possibilities. A Closer Look at Passover and Easter**

Sponsored by the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Jegen Center

Location: Jegen Center

1025 West Fry St., Chicago

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