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A Note from the Editor:

Lent always comes to us as a sign of renewal and repentance. We see new life springing up around us and feel the new life within ourselves and we turn and return to the road the Lord has traced for us. The "dead" trees around us begin to show signs of life. And the dead parts within each of us begin to also show signs of life again. We embrace the springtime with the courage and conviction to begin once more. Have you thought about your own spiritual nourishment at this time? Have you given yourself the gift of time – to heal past wounds, to let go of hurts, to forgive yourself and others, to pick up your life after the loss of someone dear? Let us be a Resurrection people!

In this issue of the newsletter we offer you some suggestions for videos you can borrow from the Jegen Center to enrich your preparation for Easter. The pages here cannot contain all the titles we have, so check for others in the on-line catalog at www.jegen.org or phone Terrie at 312-243-4562.

We are also having some exciting workshops coming up soon. Details are on the last page.

Videos for Lent and Easter:

Family / Familia

VC041009 17 min Family

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf

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

72 min Family/Familia

(English) VC231052 The Fourth Wise Man

Starting out a bit later the fourth wise man just misses Jesus at every turn for 33 years until he meets Jesus on Easter.

(Español) VC233100 El Cuarto Rey Mago

Durante 33 años el cuarto rey mago y su fiel siervo siguen a Jesús, pero lo pierden de vista a cada momento. La historia culmina el Domingo de Resurrección.

VC080087 90 min Family

Journey to Easter

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.

VC162699 30 min Family

The Legend of the Three Trees

A retelling of the classic folktale of three trees, full of hopes and dreams, who find their aspirations never seem to come true. There is a beautiful olive tree blossoming in the valley, a knotty oak tree clinging to the shore, and a strong pine standing high on the mountainside. Dejected and in despair about their existence, each ultimately interacts with the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

VC080109 seven 18 min segments Family

Lent: A Time of Renewal

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

VC084316 20 min Family

Lent; A Time to Forgive

In this video, author Kathy Chesto focuses on how forgiveness is celebrated in family life, and how it can be a Lenten practice for family members. She shares her insights about family experiences of spirituality during the season of Lent.

Children / Niños

VC083154 11 min Prim-Intermed

The Angel's Church Year Lesson

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

VC081752 14 min Prim-Intermed

The Angel's Lenten Lesson

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.

30 min Prim-Intermed

(English) Animated Stories from the New Testament;

VC151707 **He Is Risen**

(Español) Relatos Animados del Nuevo Testamento;
VC151691 **Ha Resucitado**

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VC080113 15 min Prim-Intermed
Celebrating the Church Year for Children; Easter
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. Moves from "experience" to "liturgy" as the liturgical and devotional practices of the season are illustrated and explained.

VC084314 12 min Older Prim-Intermed
Celebrating the Season; Lent
This video explores customs, traditions, prayers, and ways the faithful can keep Lent as one prepares for the new life of Easter. Author Gaynell Cronin reminds viewers that during Lent, "we pray, we fast, we do good works, we remember." The video invites students to deepen their understanding of Lent as a time to turn to God, and to look at the way Jesus lived his life.

VC041022 25 min Prim-Intermed
Easter Is
The story a little boy, Benji and his dog, Waldo and their adventurous discovery of the true meaning of Easter.

VC083725 10 min Prim-Intermed
Following Jesus through the Church Year; Lenten Lane
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".

VC043811 41 min Prim-Intermed
Francesco's Friendly World; The Last Stone
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.

VC15381 Five 10 min segments Prim
Jesus for Kids; Animated Bible Stories for Ages 4-6
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.

30 min Prim-Intermed
(English) Jesus, A Kingdom without Frontiers:
VC151398 **Temptations in the Desert**
VC151400 **Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**
VC151384 **The Last Supper**
VC151378 **The Agony in the Garden**
VC151399 **The Trial**
VC151388 **Jesus Dies on the Cross**
VC151395 **The Resurrection**

(Español) Jesús, Un Reino Sin Fronteras:
VC151688 **Tentaciones en el Desierto**
VC151669 **La Entrada Triunfal en Jerusalén**
VC151690 **La Última Cena**
VC151664 **Agonía en Getsemaní**
VC151679 **El Juicio de Jesús**
VC151677 **Jesús Muere en la Cruz**
VC151684 **La Resurrección**

VC153288 22 min Prim-Intermed
Jesus: What He Said, What He Did

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.

VC080106 11 min Older Prim-Adoles
Lenny Learns About Lent
Helps children restore some of the lost luster to Lenten penitential practices by explaining the balance needed between joyous celebration and sober restraint.

VC041024 25 min Prim-Intermed
The Magic Boy's Easter
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.

VC084496 25 min Prim-Intermed
La Primera Semana Santa
Una historia emocionante creada con animación computarizada que recuenta la vida de un niño y su encuentro con Jesús. Enseñará a sus niños el significado y la importancia de la crucifixión y la resurrección.

VC044486 45 min Prim-Intermed
La Promesa de Pascua
Esta es la historia de Jeremías, un niño que sueña con ser un soldado del rey. Cuando Jesús llega a Jerusalén una semana antes de la Pascua, Jeremías, al igual que otras personas del pueblo, piensa que va a ver un gran y poderoso rey. Sin embargo, Jeremías se encuentra con un Jesús humilde y sencillo, sentado en un burrito y no en frente de un gran ejército. Las falsas expectativas afectan a tal punto a Jeremías que él comienza a rechazar a Jesús como el Rey Verdadero.

35 min Prim-Intermed
(English) VC040940 The Proud Tree
This video tells children the story of the Crucifixion from the viewpoint of Rex, the tree that became the cross Jesus carried to Calvary.
(Español) VC040608 El Árbol Orgullosa
Este video les cuenta a los niños la historia de la Crucifixión desde el punto de vista de Rex, el árbol que se convirtió en la cruz que Jesús cargó hasta el Calvario.

VC041400 15 min Prim-Intermed
Stations of the Cross for Children
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 children can reflect on what happened there and how it applies to contemporary injustices. The primary goal of the video is to help children, ages 7 - 12, view the Stations of the Cross as an opportunity to follow Jesus more closely, emphasizing what they can do today to be more Christlike.



VC150853 30 min Prim

The Story of Easter/Beginner's Bible

The story of Jesus' death and resurrection as told by animated characters as part of "The Beginner's Bible Series".

Youth and Adults

VC142975 60 min Intermed-Adult

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

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

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.

VC240755 60 min Adult

Catholic Update; Adult Baptism; Exploring Its Meaning

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.

VC240756 30 min Adult

Catholic Update; Eucharist; Celebrating Christ Present

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.

VC161411 43 min Adolescent-Adult

Catholic Update; The Way of the Cross; Stations On Our Journey of Faith

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

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

VC142417 10 min Adolescent-Adult

A Father and Two Sons

This video is a presentation of Luke's gospel 15:11-32, the story of the prodigal son set on a contemporary horse ranch in stunning black and white images with a blues vocal track. It tells the familiar parable, but completes the story by showing the father's loving encounter with his older son who is reluctant to join in the celebration.

VC083241 27 min Adult

A Lenten Journey; Danger and Desire

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.

VC083243 27 min Adult

A Lenten Journey; Endless Possibilities

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.

VC083242 27 min Adult

A Lenten Journey; God Sees Into the Heart

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.

VC083240 27 min Adult

A Lenten Journey; What Is Temptation Really?

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.

VC082246 55 min Intermed-Adult
Liturgies of the Triduum; Easter Vigil
The Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon, is the center and climax of the Christian year. 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.

VC082247 29 min Intermed-Adult
Liturgies of the Triduum; Holy Thursday
The Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon, is the center and climax of the Christian year. This video is about Holy Thursday. Elements of this liturgy include proclaiming powerful scripture readings, washing of each other's feet or some other appropriate gesture, raising a collection for the poor, celebrating Eucharist, and singing in procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

VC082248 26 min Intermed-Adult
Liturgies of the Triduum; Good Friday
The Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon, is the center and climax of the Christian year. This video is about Good Friday. Elements of this liturgy include proclaiming the scriptures, chanting many prayers of intercession, veneration of the cross, singing hymns, and the reception of the Eucharist.

VC140939 50 min Adolescent-Adult
Mysteries of the Bible; The Last Supper
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.

VC143002 12 min Intermed-Adult
The Neighbor: The Parable of the Good Samaritan
This is a video translation of Lk. 10:25-37, the story of the Good Samaritan. It features a young multicultural cast, excellent cinematography, and an original music score.

VC142378 124 min Intermed-Adult
The Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Using the actual words of the gospel, Fr. Michael Sparough presents a dramatic portrayal of Jesus and all the other characters of John the Evangelist's account of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. It is divided into seven segments.

VC143942 48 min Intermed-Adult
So, Who Is This Jesus?
This video is specifically designed to help people with little knowledge of Jesus so that they may have a better understanding

of his life and ministry. It is in three parts: his story had a long preparation; his birth and life; and the meaning of it all.

VC162988 40 min Intermed-Adult
The Stations of the Cross
This prayerful video brings special sacredness and meaning to the Stations by combining the spoken word, music, and visual images. Meditations recall the Mysteries of Calvary and offer a practical application for today's Christian.

30 min Adolescent-Adult
(English) VC240129 This Is the Night; A Parish Welcomes New Catholics
(Español) VC241755 Esta Es la Noche
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. This video is also in Spanish.

VC162231 40 min Intermed-Adult
The Wall
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.

Workshops - Save the Dates

March 10, 2004 9:30 - 1:30 pm
Textbook Selection Workshops with Pubs 'n Subs

This workshop is designed to attend to the needs of the parishes and schools who are looking to adopt new religion textbooks, or looking to see what is new on the market. The major religion textbook publishing companies will join us to share their materials. They will also provide lunch 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. A detailed flyer will follow.

March 24, 2004
Topic: **Sacraments – Presented by Jo Rotunno**
Sponsored by RCL in collaboration with the Jegen Center
Watch for the flyer with details.

Watch for upcoming events on the websites: www.catechesis-chicago.org and www.jegen.org