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A Note from the Editor

Have you ever dreamt about how the future of catechetical media might look? When I think about how far technology has come just in the past decade since the Jegen Center opened its doors I am amazed at the speed at which technology is changing. Some of you probably still remember black line masters, mimeograph machines, 16mm films and filmstrips. And if you do, have you grown with the times into iPods, MP3 files, YouTube and Blogs? Audio Cassettes are practically non-existent now. A friend recently was trying to buy an audio-cassette player and the salesperson didn't know what he was talking about! The future of the video cassette is rapidly going the route of the audio tape and has given way not only to the DVD, but also to the downloaded movies and clips on computers and even on cellphones! Although CDs and CD players are still marketable, the iPods and MP3s are taking over for providing personal choice in music files.

So what does that mean for us as a media center? We have two choices—stay as we are and die a slow death for lack of use, or grow with the times and further our mission, “to share innovative, doctrinally sound and varied tools and techniques to support catechesis for a lifetime of learning.” This just happens to be relevant to where we are at this moment in time since our office, the media center, and a number of other offices are gearing up to move buildings. What we can take with us from the media center will fall into three main categories:

- 1) Materials that are most up-to-date
- 2) Materials that still circulate regularly
- 3) Materials that are actually used for work either for classes or reference

With these movements to the future, we are sure to have a considerable number of books and videos to pass on to parishes that will continue to use them. Since our move is expected to happen in November, over the summer we will be “weeding.” Those of you who maintain membership in the Jegen Center and use the materials regularly will be the first to get the information on resources we plan to distribute. I will

put up a blog when that time comes and let the Jegen members know how to access it. Keep your eyes open and your email address up to date so you don't miss out!



In this issue of the *New Connections* you will find a listing of some useful web resources. More and more we can access the information we seek by looking in the right spot online. We do have to be aware though that sites and web addresses change more frequently than home or business addresses, so any link you recommend to another person needs to frequently be monitored for accuracy. We will also have some tidbits of information in the *Did you know...* boxes, and finally we will describe in detail three DVDs you may like to view over the summer. Enjoy reading!

Helpful Websites

On-line Reference Material

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

www.christusrex.org This is one of the sites where you can find the Catechism.

Canon Law:

www.intratext.com/X/ENG0017.htm This link will take you to Canon Law.

The Vatican:

www.vatican.va You can look at the documents and Church happenings directly from the Vatican website in Rome.

The United States Bishops:

www.usccb.org The United States' Conference of Catholic Bishops keeps us informed about what is happening in the Church through their site. They also provide movie reviews, the daily liturgical readings, the Bible, and many other resources.

The Illinois Bishops:

www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org You can find information from the Bishops of Illinois here.

Vatican II Documents:

www.vaticanii.org/council/docs If you are looking for the Documents of Vatican II you will find them here.

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Papal Encyclicals:

www.papalencyclicals.net The Encyclicals and other historical Church Documents are recorded at this site. They do keep it up to date.

Catholic Encyclopedia and Historical Church Documents:

www.newadvent.org Historical Church Documents are recorded at this site. You will find the old (1917) edition of the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Summa, writings of the early Church Fathers, and other research items.

Catholic Dictionary:

www.catholicreference.net Fr. Hardon's Catholic Dictionary can be accessed on this site.

Catholic Prayers:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers This site has a very large collection of Catholic prayers on the internet (including one to ward off insects!).

Sites on Prayer

Daily Guided Meditation:

www.sacredspace.ie For your spiritual nourishment we go to the Irish Jesuits who set up this site which offers a daily guided meditation.

Liturgical Calendar:

www.easterbrooks.com/personal/calendar/index.php Various sites offer calendars for the daily readings, liturgical colors, etc. This one is highly used.

Sunday Liturgy Preparation:

www.liturgy.slu.edu Background preparation for the next Sunday's liturgy from the Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University is on this site.

www.liturgy.slu.edu/index_espanol.html The Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University also offers Sunday liturgy preparation in Spanish.

www.hpssc.org.mx/verbumdei This site in Spanish includes the Daily Missal, the readings for the Mass each day, and a variety of devotions. It comes from Mexico.



Did you know...

.ie is from Ireland .mx is from Mexico
.fr is from France .br is from Brazil



Liturgy of the Hours:

www.universalis.com You can pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the Prayer of the Church, through this site.

http://christdesert.org/ The Benedictine Monks of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert offer a place to request a prayer, to listen to audio clips of the monks chanting their prayers, and to get to know St. Benedict and the Benedictines. This is a good site for exploring the Catholic monastic experience.

Other Prayers, Bible Study and Reflections:

www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Creighton University's site has a wealth of links to check out including daily reflections on the readings, the Stations of the Cross, tips for prayer, and other spirituality links. Some of these resources are in Spanish.

www.catholic-resources.org This site is filled with Biblical and Liturgical studies geared to the serious student or teacher background. It also includes a detailed description of the parts of the Mass that can be printed from the site.

www.sdiworld.org If you are looking for a trained spiritual director in your area, this site will give you a listing of those who are part of Spiritual Directors International.

www.explorefaith.org One aspect of this site that I found appealing is its explanation of the Labyrinth. There is even an online experience of a finger labyrinth to try it out.

Sites on Evangelization

General Catholic Information:

www.catholic.org For a large collection of Catholic info look at this site, commonly known as Catholic Online.

www.goingforth.org This site tells about the Evangelization Project of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

www.pauline.org The Daughters of St. Paul create an interactive site with information and activities for various ages.

Movie Reviews:

www.americancatholic.org The Franciscans host this site for the general adult Catholic population. It also contains the movie reviews written by Sr. Rose Pacatte.



Preaching:

www.wordonfire.org Fr. Robert Barron is a well known preacher and evangelizer in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He hosts a radio program called Word on Fire, and now offers the sermons through the web. You can download the .MP3 files.

Family Focus:

www.cptryon.org The Passionist site has a wide variety of information and helpful tools. They have areas for all ages.

www.homefaith.com This site is maintained by the Claretians. It focuses on family spirituality, parenting, and tools to help families grow in their faith.

www.pflaum.com Pflaum has expanded quite a bit beyond just the Gospel weeklies. You may want to check out their offerings. Recently they had a well developed section on preparation for the Pope's visit. Most of this site is product based.

Returning Catholics:

www.oncecatholic.org This site is also from the Franciscans, targeting those thinking of returning to Catholicism.

www.cmonback.com This site is a safe place to welcome those who have distanced themselves from the Catholic Church.

Sites on Catholic News

www.catholicnews.com This is a good source of Catholic news.

www.zenit.org ZENIT is an International News Agency whose mission is to provide objective coverage of events, documents and issues emanating from or concerning the Catholic Church.

Sites on Catholic Music

www.giamusic.com One of three major Catholic sacred music publishers in the United States.

www.ocp.org Oregon Catholic Press is another of the three major Catholic sacred music publishers in the United States.

www.wlp.jspaluch.com World Library Publications is the music publishing branch of J.S. Paluch. WLP controls their own reprint permissions for copying music. It is well described on the website.

Sites on Internet Safety, Copyrights and Licensing

www.getnetwise.org This site offers basic tools and tips for surfing the web for both parents and children. It features links to over 50 kid-friendly sites and links to a variety of family resources and additional safety tips.

www.mediafamily.com The National Institute on Media and the Family offers excellent tools for parents to understand the technology their children are using. One of their recent topics is Social Networking: MySpace, Facebook, Xanga, Friendster. There are numerous parent guides that are worth your time to explore.


www.copyright.gov This site gives details on what a copyright is and is not, and on how to get a copyright. There is a link to the next site called "Taking the Mystery Out of Copyright" for students and teachers.



www.loc.gov/teachers/copyrightmystery/text This site is excellent for helping children (and adults) understand copyright. It has a wonderful history of how copyright developed as well as what can be copyrighted and how to do it explained in easy to understand terms.



www.cvli.com This site explains the Church Video Licensing for showing films from various companies. These allow for use of films from certain producers even though the film states "for home use only."



www.onelicense.net This is a site used for obtaining copyright permission to reprint hymns and songs for your congregation. GIA participates in this licensing program. The details are well explained and vary depending on usage and numbers.


www.licensingonline.org This is a site used for obtaining copyright permission to reprint hymns and songs for your congregation. OCP participates in this licensing program. The details are well explained and vary depending on usage and numbers.



 **Did you know...** 

 Ignorance is NOT bliss when it comes to copyright law. 

 Always give credit where credit is due! 



Sites from Our Archdiocese

www.archchicago.org The main Archdiocesan site provides you with a wealth of information. It includes the various departments and services of the Archdiocese, all you need to know about the protection of children and requirements, Catholic values and teachings, directories for the parishes, job openings, and news from around the Archdiocese.

www.catechesis-chicago.org The Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry maintains this site with all the news and events happening in the areas of catechesis and youth ministry. For many of the events you can register online through this site.

www.mlodziezpolska.org This is a site in the Polish language focusing on Polish youth ministry.

www.jegen.org This site contains the online catalog of resources maintained by the Jegen Center. It is here that shortly we will be posting the blog of materials available to be given to parishes.

Summer Movies to Check Out from the Jegen Center

As summer approaches you may like to check out some worthwhile movies to watch at home. The Jegen Center has a number of feature films that have a good faith-filled message. Here is a brief listing of some with which you may be familiar.

DVD230012 Lilies of the Field [2001].

In this 1963 movie, "Lilies of the Field", Homer Smith (Sidney Poitier), an itinerant handyman, is driving through the Arizona desert when he meets five impoverished nuns. Stopping to fix their leaky farmhouse roof, Homer discovers that not only will the Mother Superior not pay him for the job, but she also wants him to build their chapel -- for free! Hesitant at first, Homer soon finds himself single-handedly raising the chapel and the financing. But although he will not receive a monetary reward, Homer realizes that when his work is done, he will leave that dusty desert town a much better place than when he found it. Closed captioned; Black and White; DVD format; running time is approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes. Target audiences are all ages.

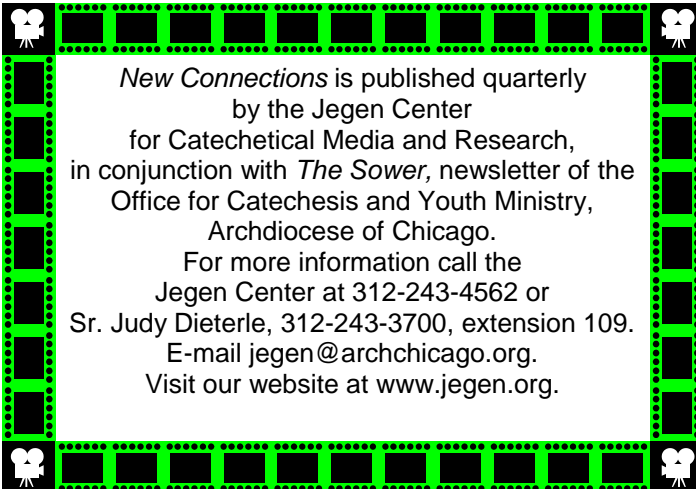
DVD230065 March of the Penguins [2005].

Every year thousands of emperor penguins make an astonishing journey to breed their young. They are birds, but they do not fly; they are aquatic animals but this time they will not swim. Instead they walk --

marching day and night in single file for 70 miles into the darkest, driest and coldest continent on earth. This film is narrated by Morgan Freeman, and has no other human voices. It is an amazing, awe-inspiring true-life tale touched with humor and alive with thrills, in somewhat documentary style. Breathtaking photography by National Geographic photographers captures the transcendent beauty and you-are-there drama of devoted parent penguins who, in the face of the fierce polar winter, take turns guarding their egg, and trekking to the ocean in search of food. Predators hunt them, storms lash them, but the safety of their chicks makes everything worthwhile. Also includes Special Features. Main feature is bilingual, English and Spanish; also includes closed captioning in English, French and Spanish. Target audiences are all ages; Running time is 80 minutes.

DVD230102 The Nativity Story [2006, 2007]

This film is a remarkable act of imagining the tale of Christ's birth as a flesh-and-blood drama set in Israel two thousand years ago. It begins with the slaughter (bloodlessly portrayed) of Bethlehem's innocents under orders from King Herod, and then it jumps back to the prophecy informing Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth will bear a child. Meanwhile, Elizabeth's cousin, the adolescent Mary, is promised to the carpenter Joseph. Soon an angel tells Mary that she will carry, while still a virgin, the long awaited Messiah. Thus begins a detailed account of Joseph and Mary's hard travel to Bethlehem, the birth, and the Magi's visit. The film also weaves into the action hints of things to come later in Christ's life. Closed captioned for feature film; running time approximately an hour and 45 minutes; includes supplemental material. Feature film rated PG for violence; supplemental material not rated. Includes English and Spanish subtitles for feature film. Target audiences are ages 12 and older, due to PG rating for violence.



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