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Dear partner in ministry,

I hope you had a refreshing summer and are ready to kick off a great new catechetical year! I’m excited to bring you this magalog full of articles, ideas, products, and tips to help you in your mission.

We are very excited to bring you many new products for Pope Francis’ Jubilee of Mercy. Our Sunday Visitor was chosen as the exclusive publisher of the official books for the Jubilee year. These eight books, promulgated by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization are on topics that Pope Francis himself will speak on throughout the year. Consider how you might use these in adult faith formation groups or as a whole-parish study. We have daily devotions and Bible studies that are also focused on God’s mercy and would make great additions to your formation programs.

If you aren’t already using our outstanding Alive in Christ and Vivos en Cristo religion curriculum, be sure to schedule time to hear more about them this fall. Along with our market-leading early childhood program Allelu!, there is no better combination for creating disciples with your religious education and school religion programs.

Finally, be on the lookout for our brand new 2016 Sacramental Preparation curriculum, be sure to schedule time to hear more about them this fall. Our Sunday Visitor is no better combination for creating disciples with your religious education and school religion programs.

Thank you for all you do for Christ and his Church.

Greg Erlandson
Publisher

Pope Francis’ visit to the U.S. a milestone in his papacy

In September, Pope Francis will take his highly anticipated trip to the United States for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

The native Argentinian has captured the attention of the world, both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. With his significant but humble presence, he emphasizes showing mercy and reaching out to the marginalized as we obediently take up the cross of Christ. Since his election to the papacy in March 2013, Francis has urged Catholics to reflect on their Christian walk, to care for the least of these, to cling to Scripture, and to live modestly and intentionally. His motto, Miserando atque eligendo (“Pitiable but chosen”), is reflected by his unassuming lifestyle: living in the Vatican guest house rather than the papal apartment, eating in the common cafeteria, and washing the feet of prisoners.

In his recent encyclical, Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home, Pope Francis urges Christians to care for our Earth. His letter joins the body of the Church’s social and moral teaching, draws on the best scientific research, and unites human beings in concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

With Our Sunday Visitor’s selection of related pamphlets, books, and prayer cards, you can engage your parish in Pope Francis’ teachings and example of Christian servanthood. It seems that Pope Francis has emerged at the right time, and the world is watching. Providing information about him to your parish, the love of Christ can be spread even further through the powerful life of Pope Francis.

Prepare your parishioners for the Pope’s visit:

Pope Francis: Pastor of the World, (ID#99174), Package of 50, $15.95
Spanish, (ID#99174S), Package of 50, $15.95
Why people are drawn to Pope Francis and what his example means to us.

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On Care for Our Common Home: Laudato Si’, (ID#017147), Package of 50, $15.95
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Simple explanation of the encyclical for every Catholic.
Every three years since 1994, people from all over the world have gathered for the World Meeting of Families, an assembly of Catholics who come together to discuss important family issues and witness to the importance of marriage and the family to all of society. In September, 2015, the event will be held in Philadelphia—the first time it has been held in the United States. Aside from the anticipation that already comes with hosting a significant international event, Pope Francis will visit the U.S. for the first time, and Christians all over the U.S. are excitedly preparing for his arrival.

As we move closer to this Year of Mercy, we can hope to echo the tradition of jubilee set forth in the book of Leviticus: a time meant to restore equality among the children of Israel. This momentous jubilee will offer Catholics the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Lord’s loving mercy and on how we, as a Church, should respond.

Our Sunday Visitor can help inspire your parish’s merciful living by providing mercy-focused products, including but not limited to a Bible study and daily reflections from Pope Francis himself. The pontiff has said, “God is so merciful toward us. We too should learn to be merciful,” and Our Sunday Visitor’s products will help you begin to do just that.

World Meeting of Families

Our Sunday Visitor helps Catholics prepare for the World celebration in Philadelphia—whether you are present or not.

In April, Pope Francis officially declared that the Church will celebrate a Holy Year of Mercy, running from December 8, 2015, to November 20, 2016.

Whether your families can attend or just want to be part of the excitement, Our Sunday Visitor has tools to help capture the energy of this incredible event.

The essential resource for the 2015 World Meeting of Families, Love is Our Mission, helps Catholics renew their appreciation of Church teaching on the family, rediscover its importance, and learn how it fits into God’s plan. Along with this preparatory catechesis, Our Sunday Visitor has prayer books, bulletin inserts, pamphlets, and more to help your parish prepare for this global event of prayer, catechesis, and celebration.

Preferred for Group Study

A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis: Daily Reflections, edited by Kevin C ener
(ID#T1642), 384 pp., $16.95
Short quotes by Pope Francis plus reflection questions. A must have for every parish.

(ID#T1597), 128 pp., $9.95

Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, by Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Pontifical Council for the Family
(ID#T1651), 128 pp., $7.95
Spanish, (ID#T1652), 128 pp., $9.95

Prayers for Our Catholic Family

(ID#T1603), 32 pp., $2.95
Spanish, (ID#T1604), 32 pp., $2.95

Prayers for Our Catholic Family, (ID#T1576), 32 pp., $2.95
Spanish, (ID#T1577), 32 pp., $2.95

A Catholic Parent’s Tool Box: Raising Healthy Families in the 21st Century, by Joseph D. White, PhD
(ID#T1568), 144 pp., $14.95

Catholic Prayer Book for Children, by Julianne M. Will
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Welcome support for busy families

Catholic Parent® Know-How provides wisdom, tips, Scripture insights, and activity ideas to help families take on pressing topics with the grace that comes from their Catholic Faith. Each vibrant and beautifully designed booklet packs a lot of hope and encouragement in just 8 easy-to-read pages.

Keep several topics on hand to address immediate needs, or send one home with children in religious education. Find more titles by searching “Catholic Parent Know-How” at OSV.com.

Keeping the conversation on building family faith

How do we maintain the focus on the family and help families continue to grow in the faith?

Our Sunday Visitor’s preparatory catechesis for World Meeting of Families, Love is Our Mission (see pg 5), is a great tool all year long and can keep the focus and conversation centered on family. Along with this family-centered catechesis, Our Sunday Visitor has pamphlets and preparation books for marriage, parenting, and building stronger families. In our fast-paced world, it can be difficult to keep our families growing in the faith. By providing resources to meet them where they are, parishes can provide valuable help. Our Sunday Visitor offers support for the task of preparing couples for marriage, nurturing and developing strong, faith-filled marriages, and helping raise Catholic children.

With pamphlets, newsletters, books, and bulletin inserts, you can offer your parish families wisdom, tips, Scripture insights, and activity ideas that help them take on pressing topics with the guidance of their Catholic Faith. By providing family-focused materials throughout the year, your parish can keep the energy of World Meeting of Families alive in your parish and focus on the family all year long.

TAKE OUT: Family Faith on the Go

Build family discipleship with this 10 issue per year 8-page mini-magazine. Take Out is a one-of-a-kind combination activity guide and catechetical tool designed and written for busy families. Each issue references weekly Gospel readings, stories of the saints, seasonal articles, and a FREE pull-out poster. Bulk pricing as low as $5 per family per year allows you to offer this great tool to families in your parish.

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NEW! Resources for the New Catechetical Year

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Closing the gaps in children’s faith formation

To have a vibrant spiritual community, it is important to ensure that the young people in your parish are engaged in the Faith.

Faith Fusion and Faith Fusion Elementary bring the Catholic Faith to life in words and images that engage young people and inspire them to action.

Specifically designed for Confirmation or RCIA adapted for children, Faith Fusion for teens can be used as an ongoing faith formation program for junior high or early high school students. Faith Fusion delivers an energetic presentation of the Faith through contemporary design, style, and tone-of-voice intertwined with prayer, reflections, activities, and saintly stories in every lesson.

Newly released Faith Fusion Elementary uses the popular format to build religious literacy and help children grow in the Faith. Each lesson offers an opening reflection, thought-provoking questions, age-appropriate activities, and story of a Saint that helps kids understand what it means to live as a faithful disciple today.

As comprehensive, age-appropriate reviews of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, both Faith Fusion and Faith Fusion Elementary also available in bilingual editions, explain the doctrine of the Faith in a way that helps young people apply Catholic principles in their daily lives, grow as disciples of Christ, and fully participate in their parish community.

Making God’s teaching style our own

How are Catholics to teach not just knowledge of God and his Church but love for Him as well?

According to the General Directory for Catechesis, the catechesis of the Church is to be “radically inspired by the pedagogy of God.” We can look to contemporary pedagogical models and the modern educational system as supplementary guides to our catechetical decisions, but these secular models cannot lead people into intimacy with God or offer the fundamental principles necessary for communicating Divine Revelation.

The way our Catholic leaders, teachers, and parents instruct the Faith should align with how God has instructed humans throughout history. This Divine Pedagogy finds its roots with the Church Fathers and was neglected until recent decades when documents such as the GDC began to urge catechists and teachers to rediscover the Divine Pedagogy and use it to guide their decisions.

In The Way God Teaches: A Divine Pedagogy Handbook, Dr. Joseph White says, “Our call as teachers and catechists is to hand on the truths of the Faith. When we do this well, we are not only using the best of what we know about how people learn but also echoing God’s own way of teaching us his truths. We should also respect that, even as we teach others, God remains active in the human person, bringing growth to the seeds of faith that are planted there.”

Our Sunday Visitor is committed to employing the Divine Pedagogy to inform and shape the catechetical materials we publish. Parishes should be aware of the Divine Pedagogy and seek to provide materials for their parishioners that are rooted in and shaped by God’s own way of teaching.
The ESSENTIAL Curriculum Checklist
6 questions to ask as you evaluate religion curriculum.

1. Does it mirror the Divine Pedagogy?

The Divine Pedagogy is the gradual and relational way God teaches us to know him and his truth, be guided by the Holy Spirit, and accept the gift of new life in Christ. When a religion program mirrors the Divine Pedagogy, it will encourage a relationship with God, beginning with God’s invitation to know him through Scripture. Through this, children will begin to listen for God’s voice, and they will respond through reflection and prayer.

2. Is it Christocentric?

Christ is the center of our Catholic Faith and our Church – and should be at the center of any religion curriculum. Lessons should encourage a personal and ongoing relationship with Jesus, who leads us to the Father and calls us through the Spirit to share in the divine life through the Church.

3. Does it build Catholic identity?

Precise theological language is particularly important in passing on the Catholic Faith to our children. Catholic practices, images, and models of the Faith should also be used to help a child understand and articulate the teachings of the Church.

4. Does it respect the way children learn at each stage of development?

Does the content incorporate the latest and most trusted research on how children at various ages and stages learn and communicate? Does it engage through image-rich, multi-sensory activities? Is it variable to accommodate the ways different children learn differently?

5. Does it build knowledge and reverence for Sacred Scripture?

Unless every lesson in a religion curriculum is built on the foundation of Sacred Scripture, it cannot teach children to apply God’s word to their lives. Scripture from both the Old and New Testament should be presented in ways that encourage students to listen to the voice of God and learn about the people and stories in the Bible. Ultimately children will grow to pray with and reflect on God’s word through Scripture.

6. Is it in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church?

This is a question of trust. If a curriculum program is not in conformity, you can’t be sure if it is a comprehensive presentation of the Catholic Faith as identified by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop’s subcommittee on the Catechism. With that said, even if a series is in conformity, not all series are created equally based on the other factors listed above.
With 40 percent of the Catholic population in the United States claiming Hispanic roots and the possibility that this population could triple in the next 35 years, it is clear that the vitality of our Church in the 21st century depends in large part on our embrace of this growing Hispanic presence. This is why it was so important to Our Sunday Visitor to publish Vivos en Cristo for levels A-F. It’s a fully bilingual curriculum that forms a vibrant Catholic identity in your Spanish-speaking children and their families. Through Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and a purposeful emphasis on culturally diverse Catholic practices, images, and the Saints, Vivos en Cristo helps children know, live, and love their Catholic faith.

Religion curriculum for the Church’s changing face

The Hispanic presence in our parishes has a profound impact on the Catholic experience in the U.S. and on parish life.

O ur Sunday Visitor has teamed up with Intel to offer digital, interactive versions of all Alive in Christ student books. By providing digital editions, you are enabling students to interact directly with the content in a way that relates to them.

Interactive books are available for iPad, Android, Windows 7 and 8, and any web browser. 

Discipleship can flourish when children read, tap, and swipe their digital textbooks.

Religious education enhanced with digital learning

Alive in Christ e-books let kids:
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• Track engagement with a personal study dashboard

Visit aliveinchrist.osv.com to find out more!

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Many families struggle with Catholic faith formation for their children in the years between baptism and kindergarten. Parishes can help bridge that gap by providing an early childhood curriculum that leads directly into a basal program such as Alive in Christ.

Our Sunday Visitor’s Allelu! Early Childhood Curriculum was developed by a team of professionals that included a child and family psychologist, veteran early childhood educators, and experienced children’s writers. It is easily taught by catechists at any level. The methodologies, stories, and activities used are grounded in research and experience regarding what is most engaging and beneficial to the young children in your parish. Attention was also paid to the involvement of families.

Research from the Yale University Child Study Center has shown that a curriculum rich in child-initiated activities leads to measurable gains in academic skills. Allelu! is the only Catholic early childhood program that specifically includes child-initiated activities in every lesson. Rather than being a scaled-down version of a program designed for older children, Allelu! was developed as an all-new offering with particular attention to the brain development and learning styles of preschool and kindergarten children.

Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus 3-4 Year-Old Teacher Resource Kit, by Joseph D. White, Ph.D. and Ana Arista White, 978-1-61278-552-3 (ID#X1250), $74.95
Spanish, 978-1-61278-679-7 (ID#X1383), $74.95

Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus 4-5 Year-Old Teacher Resource Kit, by Joseph D. White, Ph.D., Ana Arista White, Anne Neuberger, Faith Teeple, 978-1-61278-553-0 (ID#X1251), $74.95
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Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus Kindergarten Teacher Resource Kit, by Joseph D. White, Ph.D., Ana Arista White, Anne Neuberger, Faith Teeple, 978-1-59276-991-9 (ID#X1167), $74.95
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Growing and Celebrating with Jesus
4-5 Year-Old

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Kindergarten
How to turn your parish into a center of discipleship

Catholics all over the country are making the amazing transformation from believers into disciples and, with the help of many Our Sunday Visitor products, ensuring this faith is transferred to children and parish communities. Books like the most-talked-about *Forming Intentional Disciples*, as well as pamphlets and curriculum are developed with one goal in mind: to help Catholics grow in their faith and become intentional disciples.

Products such as *Come Follow Me: Discipleship Living*, a monthly bulletin insert, is the perfect example of a simple, easy-to-read faith formation tool. Its plain language and inviting design put the concepts of discipleship within reach of anyone, regardless of age or stage. Little by little these ideas become more real and open hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit.

**Are we willing to answer the call and pay the price necessary to become a new generation of saints through which God can do extraordinary things in our time?**

— Sherry A. Weddell

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DID YOU KNOW:
95% of parishioners still get information from their church bulletin. Bulletin space is a prime location to communicate important information to parishioners. *Come Follow Me Discipleship Living* is a monthly bulletin insert and the perfect adult faith formation tool. Simply written, brief articles and sections including a liturgical lesson, Pope Francis’ teachings, ideas for everyday discipleship living, and reflections to connect Catholics to their parish.

**Also available as a PDF. Call to start your subscription today!**
The practice of lectio divina, or “sacred reading,” is a personal encounter with God, through scripture, and it establishes a dialogue between the reader and God. Our Sunday Visitor offers many Bibles, books, and Bible studies that help in the reading and understanding of Sacred Scripture. Many of our Bibles feature inserts that allow the reader to enhance his or her understanding of Scripture, give background on events or people in the Bible, or introduce a faith formation theme to reflect upon. Scripture is also at the heart of our religion curriculum Alive in Christ. Encourage your parish families to spend more time in Scripture.

Lectio Divina involves FIVE SIMPLE ACTS:

- LISTEN – read the passage as if for the first time, and actively engage our mind, imagination, emotions, and will

- UNDERSTAND – uncover the meaning of the original context of the passage, the “who, what, where, when, and why” of the verses

- REFLECT – mull over the text in your mind, reflecting on your own thoughts, questions, and experiences

- PRAY – take a quiet moment to have a heart-to-heart with God

- ACT – take what you’ve read, heard, and learned in prayer, and use it in your everyday life.

“If the practice of lectio divina is effectively promoted, I am convinced that it will bring to the Church a new spiritual springtime.”

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

How to make Scripture come alive in your parish

As Christians we reverence Sacred Scripture, knowing that it is the infallible word of God. But how do we read Scripture in a way that will make a difference in our lives, every day? Through the practice of lectio divina (literally, “sacred reading”) we begin to hear the voice of God speaking to us through the Bible. Lectio divina is a personal encounter with God, through scripture, and it establishes a dialogue between the reader and God.

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“How to make Scripture come alive in your parish

“Take it, carry it with you and read it every day. It’s Jesus himself who speaks to you in the Gospel.”

– Pope Francis

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Prepare the Way for the Lord

and pray at daily Mass, nurture faith in your children or in the children of a local homeless shelter, change global policy, or develop a relationship with one person whose heart is in need of repair.

During Advent, we’re preparing not only for the birth of Jesus at Christmas but also for the Second Coming of Christ. It’s our calling to do so in our own hearts, in our families, in our communities, and in our world.

Yet the message is critical for our salvation. In this Gospel reading, John travels and speaks about the Kingdom of God being near. He calls people to turn to God and change their ways.根据 Matthew 3:1-10

• Would you join John the Baptist in going around the country to speak about what people need to do for repentance? (Matthew 3:1-10)

John’s message is simple: repent and believe in the Kingdom of God. As we prepare for Christmas, we’re called to prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts.

A fresh perspective on Advent

Simple tools can help your parish pause and prepare the way for the Lord in their hearts.

You hear it every year – Advent is four weeks of busyness ending with a bang at Christmas. How do we encourage our parish families to slow down, pause, and really see a renewed focus on their faith lives?

By providing simple tools produced by Our Sunday Visitor and using them in new ways, you will see a difference in adult faith formation, family faith journeys, and in your parish life as a whole. Advent bulletin inserts can, of course, be inserted into your bulletin each week for four weeks. But they can also be used as study and reflection tools in small groups. Advent pamphlets can be placed in racks for parishioners to take at their leisure, but you can also hand them out to everyone attending the first Sunday of Advent.

This year, make it a point to inspire Catholics to press “pause” and truly prepare for the Lord’s coming at Christmas.

Special mailing services available through Our Sunday Visitor

Want to send your parishioners a special seasonal greeting but don’t have the time, staff or volunteers to get it done? Let OSV print, fold, sort, and distribute your special mailing while you focus on the important aspects of your ministries.

Here are some simple ideas:

• Send a Christmas, Easter, or Holy Day message
• Provide parish outreach
• Provide ministry updates

Share religious education news
Discuss stewardship
Conduct a census

Our Sunday Visitor has several beautiful Christmas designs available on envelopes, letterhead, a small folder, and newsletter. These can all be customized with your own content. It’s so easy to get started.

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During the seasons of Christmas and Easter, more Catholics (and non-Catholics) will attend Mass. Whether these are guests visiting family or people who feel an obligation to attend on these holy days, Lent and Advent are critical times for the whole parish to heed Pope Francis' call to make everyone feel welcome and loved – and moved to make Mass a priority in their lives throughout the year. OSV’s products, including the new “Welcome, Thank You For Coming” are great tools to have on hand. Give them to everyone who comes to Mass on Easter or Christmas, mail them with envelopes, include in the bulletin, or leave in church pews – wherever and however you use them, they are valuable tools to encourage Mass attendance.

How are you welcoming annual visitors at Christmas?

Pope Francis says that the Church should be a place “where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel.”

For 2016, Children will embark on a new VBS adventure, in which Jesus lights their way. Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World is an over-the-top underground adventure, grounding kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, even through life's dark times. The starter kit, which will be available to ship in December, includes:

- The Ultimate Director Go-To Guide — everything you need to plan a successful program, recruit and train volunteers, and more.
- Station Leader Manuals — easy instructions for specific roles at your Cave Quest VBS.
- Helpful DVDs and CDs — training resources, clip art, and marketing tools that make it easy to inspire and educate your church.
- Student Resources — including Bible Memory Buddies, Watch For God Wristbands, and Bible Bands to keep kids talking about Cave Quest throughout their VBS experience and long after they leave your event.

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Keeping families connected to the parish after Baptism

Unique program is proven to increase the percentage of children receiving future sacraments.

How to keep parents connected to the Church after Baptism can be a challenge. Plus, for many families, children may not receive all the sacraments as they aren’t seen as a priority. With OSV’s “Parent Letters from Your Parish,” you can keep parents connected to the Faith and Church with encouragement, support, and outreach in one easy program.

This series of seven post-Baptism mailings makes it easy to engage new families and keep them inspired in the Faith. Starting right after Baptism and every six months thereafter, “Parent Letters” delivers the Catholic wisdom, support, and encouragement parents need to nurture their child’s spiritual growth—and their own.

The “Parent Letter” program comes with a free Director’s Guide that has tips, a handy recordkeeping book, and several special interest letters to make your program simple and easy to facilitate.

Each of the seven mailings includes a free gift for parents! Music CDs, babysitting note cards, growth charts, place mats, prayer books, and more!

How you can fund excellent faith formation in your parish

How one church was able to greatly expand their adult faith formation and childhood curriculum with the help of Our Sunday Visitor.

In 2012, St. Bede the Venerable, located in La Canada Flintridge, California, came to Our Sunday Visitor to begin an annual plan for offertory and communications. Through this the parish saw a 53% increase in offertory commitments. With these extra funds, the parish was able to implement a parent education program and expand the use of Alive in Christ religion curriculum (see pages 12-15).

The results of their first strategic use of Increased Offertory Program (IOP) were so great they conducted a second IOP in 2013, and in addition they implemented Online Giving and a Faith in Action website, also from Our Sunday Visitor. Commitments to offertory increased another 52%! As a result, St. Bede was able to add a media ministry, provide continuing education for the DRE, and purchase more educational resources for both adults and children.

“Faith Formation is not about people finding God in isolation,” Monsignor Antonio explains. “It’s about them finding him in community, and we have to have the tools to do so. We were blessed that Our Sunday Visitor supplied us with those tools.”
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