

# ON EAGLE'S WINGS

APCL Newsletter October/November



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Association for  
Parish Catechetical Leaders

## Our Mission:

United in Jesus Christ and in the Catholic Traditions, we are catechetical leaders who support, challenge and enrich one another and collaborate to further effective faith formation in the local and global church.

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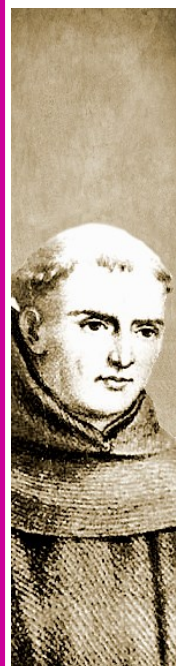
## Save the Date:

**WINTER RETREAT February 1-2, 2016**

**Looking for resources?** Have resources to share? In our efforts to share resources with one another, we have created a page on our website to share what is available within our Archdiocese. Visit our new page at <http://www.apclindy.org/resource-sharing> to see what's available or complete a form to list the resources you want to share. A contact's name and email is required to list your available resources on our page.



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Loving God,

Through the intercession of your faithful servant Junipero Serra, model of patience, perseverance and humility, unfaltering in prayer, untiring in penance, and courageous in his zeal for the Gospel, strengthen my faith, deepen my belief, and renew my commitment to the message of the Gospel. Amen.

## Resource Highlight:

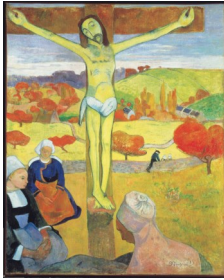


Are you looking for good, free All Saints Day resources? Loyola Press has free lesson plans for Grades 1-8 on their website plus activities, prayers, videos and articles. Many include saint stories. There is also a fun online quiz to find out which American saint you are! Check it all out here: <http://www.loyolapress.com/>



Looking to spice up your All Saints Day or any Sainly Celebrations? Check out Catholic Cuisine! <http://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/> It's filled with delicious ideas for the whole liturgical year.

## ART BIBLE REFLECTION



**The Yellow Christ** by: Paul Gauguin, 1889

Gauguin situated the well-known scene with three women under the cross in a landscape typical for Brittany. Many of his predecessors did the same, and that also goes for the contemporary dress of the women. But the technique Gauguin used is innovative. The painting seems to exist out of compartments with a single color, heavily outlined. The technique is called cloissonism, after a French word for compartments. The autumn colors of the landscape return in the cross and in the crucified man. Gauguin was inspired by the carved and painted crucifix he had seen in the chapel of Trémalo, outside Pont-Aven where he lived. (<http://www.artbible.info/art/large/790.html>)

## Upcoming Sainly Celebrations

October 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower)
October 2	Holy Guardian Angels
October 6	St. Bruno
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
October 14	St. Callistus
October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Avila)
October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 19	Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions
October 22	St. John Paul II
October 28	Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
November 1	Solemnity of All Saints
November 2	All Souls Day
November 4	St. Charles Borromeo
November 7	St. Didacus
November 10	St. Leo the Great
November 11	St. Martin of Tours
November 13	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
November 15	St. Albert the Great
November 16	St. Gertrude the Great
November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
November 22	St. Cecilia
November 30	St. Andrew

The resource pictured below can be found online and printed and shared with permission. She uploads a new calendar each month. Visit her blog here: <http://www.reallifeathome.com/>

### 12 October Activities for Catholic Families

October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary. Make a full or single decade Rosary either as a family or each family member individually.

Start planning this month for an All Saints Day party or playgroup to celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st. (It's also a Holy Day of Obligation)

Spend a day doing little things for God and others in honor of the feast day of St. Thérèse "The Little Flower" (October 1st).

Work on activity and coloring pages about St. Francis <http://bit.ly/francis14> (October 4nd)

Enjoy angel food cake (or another angel themed treat) for feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. (October 2nd)

St. Ignatius of Antioch called himself the "wheat of Christ." Plant some winter wheat with your children. (Oct 17th)

Spend the month doing read alouds from Gospel according to St. Luke (or pick a few stories for younger children). St. Luke's feast day is Oct 18th

Do something nice for animals to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis (Oct 4th), such as building a bird feeder, putting out bread with peanut butter and bird seeds, take a dog to the park, etc.

Check to see if any local parishes will be doing a Living Rosary during October.



Consider picking a religious themed Halloween costume this year, such as a favorite saint.

Go to a local farmers market and buy everything you need to make a meal as a family. Talk about the blessings of harvest time.

For the feast day of the Holy Guardian Angels (Oct 2nd), find your favorite angel craft to complete as a family. (You can also work on memorizing the guardian angel prayer together)

### 10 November Activities for Catholic Families

Make a King cake or cake/dessert shaped like a crown as a "sweet" way to mark the Feast of Christ the King. (Nov. 23, 2014 - last Sunday of Liturgical Year)

Talk about that we are all called to sainthood. Work on self portraits and title them "Future Saint" or "Future St. (Child's Name)" (All Saints Day - November 1st)

Have a fish dinner to celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew (the apostle - Nov 30th). Say a prayer for those that work to produce food.

Bake bread together to deliver to friends and neighbors (especially those most in need of some extra love) in honor of the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Nov. 17th)

Find an age appropriate science experiment or activity to celebrate the feast day of St. Albert the Great, patron of scientists (Nov. 15th)

Make a Thankful Turkey Project: Use the printable at [reallifeathome.com/3d-turkey-cutout/](http://reallifeathome.com/3d-turkey-cutout/) and have kids write one thing they're thankful for on each of the turkey's feathers.

Attend Mass on All Saints Day! (November 1st - it's a Holy Day of Obligation.)



All Souls Day (Nov 2nd) is a day to remember all who have died. To remember a special loved one, pray for their soul, visit a cemetery, and/or do a favorite activity they enjoyed.

Attend a musical performance or just have a family sing along/dance party at home to honor St. Cecilia, patron saint of music. (November 22nd)

Look for a program to buy Christmas gifts for a needy child (in your community or across the world) in honor of the feast day of St. Margaret of Scotland (Nov 16th) who gave gifts and food to the poor and needy.