

## CIC Resources to support Task 2: Liturgical Education

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### REFERENCE BOOKS

**Catechism of the Catholic Church** – online version <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html>

**United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** – online version <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca/>

**New American Bible** – online version <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>

### ARTICLES

[Liturgy and Life](#) – 2 pages, USCCB. 2000.

[Learning How to See Again](#) by Josef Pieper, 4 pages. Reference link to an essay Dr. Gwen Adams referred to during the retreat for possible teacher reflection. (Brian Anderson, St. Benedict School)

[Sacrosanctum Concilium](#) – Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, December 4, 1963.

### INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS

[PrayerMotion](#) Prayer Motion is an innovative program that incorporates prayer gestures with movement and music. Prayer Motion founder, Dr. Anne Borik, initially developed the program to help her grandmother recover from a stroke. Leveraging her background as a Board Certified Medical Physician, Exercise Physiologist and martial artist, Dr. Borik was able to create a system that actively engages the human spirit. Prayer Motion is a great way to memorize prayers and scripture. It is an effective tool to quiet the chatter in your brain that often gets in the way of staying focused and productive. The instructional videos and music are organized into several categories that are intended to be used in the morning, before lunch, after recess, at the end of the day and anytime you feel the need to help re- focus the class. Teachers create a free account and there are lots of videos with music to teach the kids to recite psalms and prayers with song and body. You can YouTube it too. (Monica Wingard, St. George School)

**Spiritual Development Plan Template (SDP)** Strengthening the teacher goal-setting piece by layering an annual Spiritual Development Plan for each faculty member. [SDP WORD Template](#) is available to be modified. (Matthew DeBoer, St. Therese Catholic Academy)

**Talk 1: Peace and Prayer Video Clip:** Looking for a video clip to capture the brokenness that we experience, consider a scene from *The West Wing* entitled [Two Cathedrals Rant](#). Martin Sheen plays the President of the USA. In this scene, he is faced with multiple struggles: An impending hurricane on the East Coast, the recent shooting of his closest aide, and a troubled reelection bid. This scene takes place in the National Cathedral following the funeral of his long-time secretary/confidante/mother figure. (Brian Anderson, St. Benedict School)

**Talk 1: [Community in Mission: Creating a Culture of Encounter Blog](#)** Specifically, this article ties to the Psalms and Personal prayer. [How long, O Lord? A Meditation on Anger and Disappointment](#) (Brian Anderson, St. Benedict School)

## PUBLISHERS

**LTP – Annual items to consider at:** [https://www.henningers.com/store/c73/LTP\\_Annuals.html](https://www.henningers.com/store/c73/LTP_Annuals.html)

**Specifically, Year of Grace Calendar 2020** Count the days and weeks of this liturgical year, reminded of Christ's instructions to go and make disciples, living the life of faith and service that he taught. The Year of Grace 2020 liturgical year follows the Sunday Year A cycle and the Weekday Year II cycle, beginning on December 1, 2019 (First Sunday of Advent) and ending on Saturday, November 29, 2020.

[https://www.henningers.com/store/p674/LTP - Year of Grace Calendar 2020.html](https://www.henningers.com/store/p674/LTP_-_Year_of_Grace_Calendar_2020.html)

## RESOURCE BOOKS

**[Psalm Basics for Catholics: Seeing Salvation History in a New Way Paperback](#) – March 16, 2018** by [John Bergsma](#) (Author) In his third back-to-basics look at the Bible, popular theology professor and bestselling Catholic author and speaker John Bergsma highlights the presence of Jesus in the psalms and helps us understand their meaning in light of the story of salvation. Bergsma employs the same conversational style and simple illustrations found in Bible Basics for Catholics and New Testament Basics for Catholics to help bridge the gap between the world of contemporary Catholics and the ancient world of the Bible.

**[Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History Paperback](#) – October 2, 2015** by [John Bergsma](#) (Author). This new edition includes an additional chapter on covenant fulfillment in the Book of Revelation. Readers will begin to see the Christian understanding of salvation by walking through the Old Testament, going through the great stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, the great kings and prophets of Israel, and culminating in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

**[New Testament Basics for Catholics Paperback](#) – October 2, 2015** by [John Bergsma](#) (Author) Using simple illustrations and the same clear, conversational style that characterized his earlier book, Bergsma introduces four of the most important writers in the New Testament: Matthew, Luke, Paul, and John. The gospel of Matthew, written for Jewish Christians, illuminates the life and teachings of Christ as the long-promised Messiah. In Luke's gospel, readers will delve into the infancy and Triduum narratives, as well as the Acts of the Apostles and the life of the early Church. This leads the reader to discover St. Paul and his first and arguably greatest theological treatise: Romans.

**[School Year Church Year: Customs and Decorations for the Classroom \(Catechesis for Children\)](#) – January 1, 2001** by [Peter Mazar](#) (Author) Colored leaves in September. Pumpkins in October. Pilgrims in November. Baby Jesus in December. Snowflakes in January. Hearts in February. Shamrocks in March. Bunnies in April. But why? Do you ever long for something a little different and think, instead, maybe I could. . . ? This amazing book will walk you through the school year, give you a crash course on the Church's year, and suggest customs you can use with children of all ages from Advent to Easter, fall to summer. You'll learn how to set up and decorate a classroom that will form your students in the tradition of biblical and liturgical images, as well as how to make spectacular bulletin board and table top displays. You'll also have an invaluable resource to turn to when questions arise.