"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."
The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia): A Reading of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter Seven: Towards a Better Education of Children

The family is the first school of human values, where we learn the wise use of freedom.

-Pope Francis (§ 274)-

I was sitting in the backyard of my brother’s house, as my niece and nephew crouched beside the small wading pool where her two children were splashing, when I was suddenly taken back 30 years, to another yard and another era, when my hair was darker and I could keep up with small children. It does not seem so long ago that my niece and nephew were the size of these two little boys, and it was my brother, Mike, and his wife, Joan—and sometimes Uncle John—who were chasing after them, keeping them from throwing water in each other’s eyes or from pushing each other down, teaching them to share their toys and praising them when they were kind. Never imagining ourselves as teachers, we passed on what we had received ourselves: the lessons of love and community given to us in the example of our parents, and employed by us, as though by instinct, in the treatment of our children. So deep in us were these lessons that we hardly noticed them, until, on a day like today, we see them reborn in the gentle, firm, and loving actions of our own children towards the children they are called to parent. In a moment like this, we come to understand the words of Pope Francis: “Parents always influence the moral development of their children, for better or for worse” (§ 259).

The raising and care of children, while not the only purpose of marriage, remains a crucial dimension of this sacrament’s social importance. The family, ideally created through the marriage bond of a loving couple, becomes the ordinary context in which children enter the world and the primary means by which they are educated as moral and spiritual beings. And while many factors—death, divorce, unplanned pregnancy, etc.—may change the conditions of parenting, they do not change the fundamental need of children for a stable and loving environment in which they can grow and develop. Without such an environment, the risk of disordered attachments and moral insecurity grows immensely, as children are left to discover intentionally those habits of love and responsibility that are best developed in the early years of childhood and adolescence, through the repetition and active love offered by good parents: parents who take seriously the Church’s call to become “the first and best of teachers for their children” (Rite of Baptism).

The educational mission of parents is not about the transmission of information, so much as it is about the development of character within a child. In other words, it is not a merely intellectual enterprise, but one that consists of shaping the moral, spiritual, and social habits of a young person. In Chapter Seven of Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis notes how difficult such education is, yet points to how necessary it is for parents “to provide an education in hope,” (§ 275), where the various dimensions of a child’s identity as a moral, a sexual, and a spiritual being can begin to be formed, through a combination of guidance, example, and practice. Children must be given discipline
and compassion, freedom and responsibility—all in proportion to their age and maturity. And they must receive all of these things in a context of love and respect, where they know, above all, that their parents are seeking the best for them: "When children no longer feel that, for all their faults, they are important to their parents, or that their parents are sincerely concerned about them, this causes deep hurt and many difficulties along their path to maturity" (§ 263).

The ethical formation of a child, according to Francis, begins with recognizing that the child is a moral agent in his or her own right. While parents are called to regulate such things as internet access or what television and movies are viewed, called to ensure that small children do not run into dangerous places—for "neglect is never beneficial" (§ 260)—still, the Pope notes, "Obsession . . . is not education. We cannot control every situation that a child may experience" (§ 261).

Pushing back against the culture of "helicopter parenting," Francis holds that moral education entails parents accepting the ultimate freedom of their child to make decisions, and increasingly allowing children to exercise that freedom. Parents should be involved not by trying to control the space in which their children live, so much as through engaging the moral questions their child faces—i.e., being concerned with where they are existentially: "The real question, then, is not where our children are physically, or whom they are with at any given time, but rather, where they are existentially, where they stand in terms of their convictions, goals, desires, and dreams" (§ 261). This acknowledgement of the ultimate existential independence of a child does not remove parents from the process of moral formation, but means that such formation must engage the child, helping them to learn that "their own lives, and the lives of the community, are in their hands, and that freedom is itself a great gift" (§ 262).

Once a parent recognizes the inherent freedom of a child, moral formation may be seen as a combination of dialogue and practice. Communicating "through sensitivity and by using a language children can understand" (§ 264), parents teach children good habits and behaviors, which then are reinforced "inductively, so that children can learn for themselves the importance of certain values, principles, and norms" (§ 264). Such an inductive method, by which children are able to make their own mistakes and learn their own lessons, offers a lasting education, in a context that is still protected. Thus, the good habits become part of the child's life—because she or he experiences them as bringing greater happiness. Likewise, by experiencing failure or success in their own lives, children develop a sense of empathy—identifying with others engaged in the same work of freedom and choice.

In discussing this developmental model of moral formation, Francis also raises the issue of correction and punishment—always placing these within the overarching value of parental love and concern. Correction is necessary, on many levels, but especially as a sign of a parent's "constant, patient trust. Children who are lovingly corrected feel cared for; they perceive that they are individuals whose potential is recognized" (§ 269). Such a vision of correction as education, as one part of the overall moral formation of a child, requires parents to be clear and strong, but never vengeful or hurtful. A parent need not be perfect, need not hide when he or she is angry or disappointed; yet, the child must always be taken as God takes each one of us, "never treated as an enemy or an object on which to take out one's frustrations" (§ 269). As with freedom and responsibility, or supervision and allowance, discipline is a matter of balance, aimed at helping a child learn to find that balance in her or his own life between too little self-respect and too much self-importance, between a loss of self and an unbridled egoism.

In the last pages of Chapter Seven, Francis turns from the general view of education to examine two areas of particular importance in current Catholic culture: sex education and education for faith. In both of these areas, Amoris Laetitia seeks to employ the same inductive and humanistic methodology already discussed in the chapter—calling on parents to engage their children at a level appropriate to their understanding and through examples in which they can find their own way. Noting that "Frequently, sex education deals primarily with 'protection' through the practice of 'safe sex'" (§ 283), Francis calls for a more integrated approach, in which the spiritual and emotional elements of love and sex are not separated from the physical: "The important thing is to teach them sensitivity to different expressions of love, mutual concern and care, loving respect and deep meaningful communication" (283). Likewise, in this context, Francis calls for an education that counteracts the cultural forces in which young people are shamed for their bodies or where their bodies become simply objects of use, and not sacraments that connect them to others and to God (§ 285). Furthermore, while affirming that gender and sex are, to some degree, bound together—"we cannot separate the masculine and the feminine from God's work of creation, which is prior to our decisions and experiences" (§ 286)—Francis avoids the simplistic concept of sexual complementarity, and places our gender identity and moral formation within a larger context of human reciprocity and growth.

Finally, if sex education considers how to be embodied spirits, then faith education must lead us to become inspired bodies, i.e., persons who know and love an incarnate God. For Francis, such education entails developing habits of love and mercy in our children, which allow them to know the Spirit in themselves and others. Further, through habits of devotion, cultivated at a young age, children learn the language of mystery and symbol, and come to recognize that which is beyond words. Finally, through the example of their parents, they see faith lived out and integrated into a living community, i.e., a family (§ 288). And, as with all morality, this modeling is the most effective part of any child's formation.
**Entrance Songs**

*Instrumental*

**(5 & 9:30) Jesu, Jesu**

Ghana Folk Song

*Hurd*

**(5:30) Transfigure Us O Lord**

**(5:30) Holy Ground**

Beatty

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**Prelude**

**(5:30) Transfigure Us O Lord**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**(5:30) Holy Ground**

**Beatty**
First Reading
Moses said to the people:
"If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 19
Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading
Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. Colossians 1:15-20
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation
Al le lu ia, al le lu ia, al le lu ia.

Gospel
There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:25-37
Prayer of St. Francis

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
   It is in pardon that we are pardoned.

Where is iniquity, your pardon, Lord,
And giv'n of ourselves that we receive,
And in where there's doubt, true faith in you.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
dy'g that we're born to eternal life.

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Great Amen


All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

If you have a gluten allergy, & need of a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Bread For the World

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst. May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.
(5 & 9:30) Food For the Journey

Zaragoza

Food for the jour-ney flows from a love di-vine;
Je-sus, bro-ken liv-ing bread, Je-sus, out-poured wine.

Song of Praise (5 & 9:30) Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service BEACH SPRING

1. Lord, whose love in hum-ble serv - ice
   Bore the weight of hu-man need;
   Who did on the Cross for
   hungry cry for bread;
   And, show us mer-cy's perfect deed;
   We, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship
   heart;
   Con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose Ev-ry
   save and make us whole.
   gift which you im-part.

2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less;
   Who did on the Cross for
   hungry cry for bread;
   Captives long for
   freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
   As, O soul, Use the love your Spir-it kin-dles Still to
   bear, Stir-ring us to faith-ful serv-ice, Your a-
   give That your chil-dren, Lord, in free-dom, May your
   burden the needs and bur-dens Your com-passion bids us
   health, good-will and com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we
   grace.

3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion,
   Till the height and depth and
   love's re-vealing light,
   Till the height and depth and
   Dawns up-on our hu-man sight;
   Mak-ing
   a-ge,
   Love in liv-ing deeds to show;
   Hope and
   heart;
   Con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose Ev-ry
   save and make us whole.
   gift which you im-part.

4. Called from wor-ship in-to serv-ice
   Forth in your great name we go,
   To the child, the youth, the
   Cross for
   hungry cry for bread;
   And, show us mer-cy's perfect deed;
   We, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship
   heart;
   Con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose Ev-ry
   save and make us whole.
   gift which you im-part.
Communion Prayer

Live Mercy
Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful,
as the heavenly Father is merciful.
Help us to live mercy every day of our lives,
through the compassion we show to your beloved ones:
to the migrant and the refugee,
to the homeless and the wounded,
to those forgotten by this world,
but remembered always in your love.
May the mercy we receive bear fruit in us,
nourishing us with joy and bringing us communion with you.
May it allow us to become the sacrament of mercy,
the Church, who consecrates the world to you,
who live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Recessional

(5 & 9:30) Instrumental

(5:30) Thuma Mina

South African

This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
5:30 PM Mass

Monday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Tuesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
7:30 PM Taize Prayer Service

Thursday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Saturday
3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Jean Lanz who was seriously injured when she was hit by a car, may she heal well in her recovery. . . . For this worldwide rampage of senseless violence to innocent people to stop and to begin looking for ways to live in peace.

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

**Liturgy and Worship**

**Faith Justice**

**Faith Justice Commission**

St. Joseph’s Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel, love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. **Meeting dates are:** Sept. 26, Nov. 21, Jan. 23, March 20, and May 15. Ministries we currently oversee include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph Service Days. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

**Jesuit Seattle**

**Come Learn about JV EnCorps!**

Interested in intentional service? Join us **Sunday, July 10th**, during the coffee hour after 9:30 am Mass. Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps), a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates transformative opportunities for intentional service, community and spiritual formation for older adults committed to social and ecological justice. During their ten months of part-time volunteer service, participants age 50 and older, meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of simple living and social & ecological justice. **Priority application deadline: August 15th.** For more information, call 206-305-8911, email JVESeattle@jvc-northwest.org, or visit http://jvencorps.org to apply.

**SEEL Retreat Invites you to Encounter God Encountering You!** The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9 month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with a retreat community at St. Joseph in Seattle. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2016. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or join us after the 9:30am and 5:30pm Masses on Sunday July 17th for a brief info session or by calling or call Lisa Dennison (Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

**SEEL was one of the most profound spiritual experiences I’ve had in my life. I highly recommend it to anyone who is searching spiritually and questioning their relationship with God. Personally, I received the grace of knowing God loves me fully, deeply, wholly, just as I am right now. I know now, that He delights in whatever delights me. And this has changed everything. ~ Erin Kittleman, Parishioner**
“Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one’s heart when one is alone again.”

Brother Roger (1915-2005), the founder of the Taizé community

St. Joseph Catholic Church
732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

Organized by St. Joe’s Young Adult Ministry

Immerse in God’s presence through prayer and hymns...

Taizé Adoration
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7.30pm
Parish Life Commission
St. Joseph’s Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 19, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, March 6 and May 8. Ministries we currently oversee include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men’s and Women’s ministry, parish picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.
Children’s Faith Formation  
2016-2017

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. To volunteer, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Course Offerings

Children's Faith Formation Childcare: During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin experiencing church through play. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. Beginning in September. The annual fee is $50 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K): During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. *Your child should be out of diapers and able to follow simple directions, such as those given in a preschool setting. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K): During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten (private, public, home, or parish school) beginning in the fall. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. Pickup is in the old gym across from the Social Hall. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1): The first of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Participation and completion of CFF 1 (or equivalent) is required before the second year, during which your child would receive these sacraments. This includes children in our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. The annual fee is $60 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2): ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this upcoming school year must have completed the CFF 1 class (or equivalent) last year whether you attend our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. There is a $100 annual fee and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith through the Sacraments. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent with the CFF 3/4 class. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High: This class is a 3-year Bible study for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is $30 for each of the classes PLUS $25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

High School Confirmation: Youth must be at least 16 years old by the Confirmation Mass date (late January/early February), already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and are participating members in their parish and personal faith life. The annual fee is $135 and scholarships are available.

To sign up today, visit our homepage: www.stjosephparish.org

Employment Opportunity!
THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA gives St. Joseph Parish an opportunity to support the work of the wider church in Western Washington—the education of seminarians, support of retired priests and women religious, the work of Catholic Community Services, multicultural ministries, and so much more.

Through this one gift, each of us and all of us embrace those whom the rest of the world so often overlooks. This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is $148,436. A significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. While it is important to note that if we do not raise this amount through the ACA campaign we must make up the difference through our ordinary income, our hope is that this community will show itself ready to help both the local and the larger Church. Our witness, so important to Catholics throughout this region, relies upon each person’s willingness to act as part of this community.

Annual Catholic Appeal - WEEK 11

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment…………………………………….$148,436

Raised to Date………………………………………………………$ 123,437

Percent of Goal Reached…………………………………………….. 83%

Percent Participation (306 households)……………………………… 17%

If you haven’t brought your envelope from home, envelopes are available in the pews in front of you. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket TODAY. Your gift (however large or small!) will make a real difference in the lives of those touched by the wider church in Western Washington.

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past, and today, THANK YOU for your generosity!
St. Joseph Sounders Night Out
Friday, September 12th
Get your tickets now before they sell out!

St. Joseph is Headed Back to the Clink!
Saturday, September 17th, 1pm Kickoff
Check Our Website for Tickets & Join Us.