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Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As St. Jerome once said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." One of the significant blessings of the Second Vatican Council and its decree *Dei Verbum* was its encouragement of Catholics to not only more deeply read and pray with Scripture, but to also to engage in the study of Scripture so that we can come to a better and deeper understanding of the Word of God that has been committed to writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through studying and praying Sacred Scripture in light of the ongoing life of the Church, we in turn come to a more intimate communion and friendship with Christ Who is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.

We are blessed in North Texas to have the Catholic Biblical School of the University of Dallas School of Ministry. The Biblical School provides Catholics the opportunity to pursue a serious study of Sacred Scripture that is faithful to the Catholic understanding of the Word of God, and also enables the students to apply Scripture to their daily lives and ministries. The Biblical School offers its classes in both English and Spanish and in both the classroom and online setting.

I am happy to recommend the Catholic Biblical School, and I encourage all Catholics to engage in the study of Sacred Scripture not only to deepen their understanding of their Catholic faith, but to also strengthen their relationship and friendship with Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

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