

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing

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## Greetings in Christ,

It is with great joy that I introduce to you "Pondering Scripture in Our Heart." This scripture project brings to us a great opportunity to reflect on God's word within the context of the faith formation of our young people. This is essential to the intent of our catechetical endeavor and our ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ. All evangelizing activity is understood as promoting communion with Jesus Christ. Starting with the initial conversion of a person to the Lord, moved by the Holy Spirit through the primary proclamation of the Gospel, catechesis seeks to solidify and mature this first adherence." GDC pp.80

With the intent of our catechetical efforts in mind, in both our parish faith formation programs, and our Catholic Schools, I implore all our catechetical leaders to ponder in their hearts God's word, and to bear witness the great treasures God's word gives us in every aspect of our lives.

As we continue to form our young people, please make use of our scripture curriculum addendum as we carry out the mission of faith formation in our parishes and schools.

Thank you to all who participated in the many meetings and research in scripture that helped to correlate God's word to the learning outcomes in our elementary and secondary programs. God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Earl Boyea

"All scripture is inspired of God and is useful for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in holiness so that the man of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17