



CATECHETICAL SERVICES

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Dear Parish Catechetical Leader,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we strive to live as missionary disciples, we remember that all of us - parish staff, leadership teams/committees, and parishioners – must continually strive to deepen our relationship with Christ, especially through the reflection, sharing, and study of Scripture.

Given the desire to offer quality Scripture resources to all parishes within our diocese, I am excited to tell you about our collaboration with the American Bible Society through a Lenten Scripture journey entitled *Speak in the Light* (Matt. 10:27). Participants in the program will receive a Bible with a personalized dedication from Bishop Burns. The program includes a weekly video segment and faith sharing session, designed to help break open Scripture, encounter Jesus in the Word, and share faith throughout the Lenten season. You will soon receive more specific information about this program, which will be available to all parishes of the diocese at no cost.

In January, the department of Catechetical Services will begin to offer the opportunity for parishes to register for *Speak in the Light*. Registered parishes will begin to receive their participants' Bibles in February. The Bibles and the resources for all program sessions will be available in English and in Spanish until we exhaust the supply.

When Jesus sent the Twelve on mission to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, he instructed them, "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' . . . What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops" (*Mt 10:7, 27*). Participation in the Lenten Scripture Project will help us to immerse ourselves in Scripture, so that we can all better proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Kevin Prevou (kprevou@cathdal.org) is taking the lead on this initiative. Please contact him with your questions or to express your desire to participate. Bishop Burns sent a letter to Pastors the last week of October 2017 regarding the initiative. Feel free to approach your Pastor and discuss ways in which your parish might participate.

Thank you for all that you do and for your attention to this important matter.

Joyfully in Christ,

Cheryl Whapham