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Dear People of the Diocese of Corpus Christi,

As he ascended into heaven the risen Lord commissioned the apostles saying “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Mt 28: 19-20).” Without your dedication and hard work as teachers, principals, catechists, catechetical leaders, and youth ministers, we could not accomplish what Christ has commanded.

As Bishop, it is my role to provide you with resources to help you grow in catechetical ministry and equip you as a catholic educator. This is why I have initiated The Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation. This institute was developed after carefully considering the challenges that many face to participate in formational opportunities while working full time jobs and/or tending to family commitments. The new blended learning certification programs are designed to provide flexibility in formation and certification for an array of parish leadership and parish ministry programs. In addition, the online courses offer an opportunity for enrichment for all adults in our diocese.

The Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation offers solid Catholic teachings in English and Spanish for all catechists in the twelve counties of our diocese. I believe that this program is critical to enhance teaching and forming adults, youth, and children in our parish ministry programs; therefore I would like for everyone who is a teacher of the faith to participate in The Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation certification programs. It is important that we have unity in formation in the basic foundations of our Catholic faith and opportunities to enhance our skills in transmitting our faith for the purpose of forming strong lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

It is my hope that this online certification process will help you in your ministry of teaching the Catholic faith to adults, youth, and children in the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

I am excited that we are able to offer this program and I am grateful for your work and dedication in God’s vineyard. Thank you for your continued service to the Church and please know that I am praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

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