



# DIocese OF DALLAS

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Office of the Bishop

To the Catholic People of the Diocese of Dallas:

“Access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful.” These words of Vatican II (Dei Verbum §22) are also quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§131). The Sacred Scripture is nothing less than the Word of God.

For those of us in Texas, in the midst of a fundamentalist approach to Scripture, it is perhaps more important that we have a faith-filled and academically credible Catholic approach to the Sacred text. In the diocese of Dallas we are fortunate to have at our service the Catholic Biblical School at the University of Dallas’ School of Ministry. Many people seek a place to study the Catholic Bible. I wholeheartedly recommend the Catholic Biblical School to all the faithful of the Diocese of Dallas

The program is available in English and in Spanish, face to face, and online. Over a period of four years students cover every book of the Bible in a way that addresses the head and the heart. Weekly lessons are punctuated with prayer, lecture, bible readings, and discussion. Professors from the University drive to parishes throughout the diocese on a weekly basis to teach the Bible. These professors are not only gifted teachers but faithful Catholics.

The books are published by Paulist Press, and carry my imprimatur. Each lesson is keyed to the Catechism, and engages the student with questions about the Bible that also apply to daily life. With so many wonderful Biblical resources available, we are blessed that this program and this faculty is here in our backyard. Consider a serious bible study. Look to the School of Ministry for more information: [www.udallas.edu/ministry](http://www.udallas.edu/ministry) or 972-721-4118

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. Kevin J. Farrell  
Bishop of Dallas