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Dear Faithful Disciple:

“Access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful.” These words, quoted in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (§22) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§131), firmly teach us that “Sacred Scripture is the Word of God”.

As part of the ongoing *Renew My Church* initiative that encourages collaboration and inspires missionary discipleship in the archdiocese, the Chicago Catholic Scripture School (CCSS) will be transitioned in its entirety to the Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) at Loyola University Chicago. It is critical in today’s changing times to have a faith-filled and academically credible Catholic approach to Sacred Scripture, and CCSS – which has served the Archdiocese of Chicago faithfully for several decades – does exactly that. We are fortunate that IPS has agreed to take on this important responsibility.

The Scripture program offered by IPS is available in two languages, English and in Spanish, at parishes throughout the archdiocese and online. The entire Bible is covered in four years. Learning sessions engage student participation in Lectio Divina (contemplative Scripturally based prayer), Bible based lectures of historical critical method, and weekly discussions.

Professors from Loyola University will come to parishes throughout the archdiocese on a weekly basis to teach the courses. These professors are not only gifted teachers, but faithful Catholics inspired and committed to help form missionary disciples.

With so many wonderful Biblical resources available, we are blessed that this program with a gifted faculty is here in our own backyard. For more information, please visit the Institute of Pastoral Studies’ website at www.luc.edu/ips/ccss or call 312.915.7466.

Sincerely,

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