



DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

Office of the Bishop

August 2025

Dear Friend,

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). The 2025 Catechetical Sunday theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, and the hope the Lord provides. This year, we also celebrate the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." Pope Francis designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time of renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

The ministry of evangelization and catechesis is a ministry of hope. Whether you are involved in the parish faith formation program or work in a Catholic school, you are bringing "hope" to the children and youth, by sharing the good news of Jesus.

In appreciation for all that you do, I invite you to join me and others from throughout the diocese, **Saturday, September 20, 2025** to the **2025 Catechist Rally and Commissioning** (see enclosed flyer), at the KC Hall in Shiner, TX. The Rally also provides the opportunity for me to "commission" and bless you as you continue this important ministry. There will be food, fun, line dancing, and more.

There are no fees to attend this event. Please register by **September 10th**. If you have any questions, contact Christella Alvarez at 361-573-0828 or calvarez@victoriadiocese.org.

Let us keep one another in prayer,

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill