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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In an effort to ensure a high standard of formation among our parish catechetical leaders (PCL), the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has launched a new PCL Certification process, detailed in this *Diocese of Burlington PCL Certification Information & FAQs*. We have partnered with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute to create a 12-workshop online certification program. Each parish catechetical leader will have two years to complete this certification, beginning in August 2019.

One important element of these workshops is how evangelization (sharing our faith) is seamlessly tied into the vocation of catechesis. Our recent diocesan synod has highlighted the need to prioritize evangelization, and this certification will be one part of that effort. While the workshops focus on catechesis and leadership, they will also train our parish catechetical leaders to evangelize and witness to the faith that they are so dedicated to teaching.

Following this period of review and subsequent consultations with the appropriate personnel, I am pleased to promulgate this latest edition of the *Diocese of Burlington PCL Certification* to become effective April 1, 2019.

Thank you to all of our parish catechetical leaders. May God bless and guide us in your ministry in sharing the Gospel with our young people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington