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Dear Pastors and Parochial Administrators,

I am pleased to announce that the *RCIA Policies and Guidelines Manual* for the Diocese of Covington will be promulgated on December 8, 2015 for use in all parishes in the diocese. This manual is the result of three and a half years of work by the RCIA Advisory Committee, which was formed at my request in August, 2011, to assist me in improving our evangelization efforts and the implementation of the RCIA process in our diocese.

Copies of the manual will be provided to every parish in the Diocese of Covington. The manual is a tool to correctly and effectively evangelize our communities, and to guide individuals through the RCIA process to lead them into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. The manuals will be distributed to parishes at an introductory workshop on Saturday, February 6, 2016, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, at the Curia office building.

It is my hope that every parish in the diocese will be represented at this workshop. I strongly encourage the pastor or parochial administrator, the parish director or coordinator of religious education and the RCIA director/coordinator to attend. The diocesan Director of Catechesis and Faith Formation, Mr. Isaak Abraham Isaak, along with members of the Diocese of Covington RCIA Advisory Committee, will present the manual along with instruction on its use in the parishes. Other resources to assist with evangelization and RCIA implementation will also be discussed and available for review. Details of the workshop are listed on the enclosed flyer.

Jesus Christ told us, *“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. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”* Our mission then, as the Church, is to evangelize the world and make them disciples of Jesus Christ. As the shepherd of this diocese, I sincerely hope that this manual will help us fulfill our mission to build up the Kingdom of God.

It is significant that I promulgate these policies and guidelines as we begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy. May we all enter into the spirit of this Jubilee Year as we take up the ministry of evangelization and of proclaiming the inestimable mercy of God!

Devotedly Yours in Christ Jesus

Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D.
Bishop of Covington