



Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we start the New Year, as a Diocese I would like us to read scripture together. If you have never done anything like this before, you will find a daily commitment to reading and meditating on scripture to be rich and rewarding. And you will not be alone. My challenge is to every person in the Diocese, clergy and lay alike! Think of it – as many as 32,200 people. As a diocesan family this is something we can do together to help us feel connected. It will produce results in our prayer together, in our worship together and most certainly in our study together.

So spread the news! Invite a neighbor to join us too! And because all the resources are available online, they do not even have to be local to participate. If you have a student away at school, a parent living away from you and alone, a friend you never see – invite them in to the challenge and connect with them through the Bible. Because the good news is something we share!

Here's what you need to do:

- Download The Bishop's Bible Challenge App. It contains all the resources you need including a link to the registration page, the Bible readings for each day, an online link to the Bible and more. It will be available to download in mid-December.
- Register to participate at our online registration site below. We will form a constant contact list of all participants and use it to send you weekly reflections by the Bishop of the week's readings.
<https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/bishops-bible-challenge/>
- If you do not use a computer or smart phone simply call the Offices of the Diocese at 215-627-6434 and we will register you by phone and mail you a hard copy of the online resources.
- Join our online Facebook group at < DIOPA Bishop's Bible Challenge >. This is where you can post your own testimonies on the readings. These responses can be written or use your phone or camera to take a picture that reflects your response to the reading. Include a brief description and post with the hashtags #wordon and #diopabbc. Check the group page or the hashtags to see what other participants are saying!

Anything new requires adjustment. If you run in to issues with the app or any of the other resources, please call the Offices of the Diocese at 215-627-6434. You will be connected with someone who will help you.

I look forward to beginning this journey with you. A daily reading schedule for the Bible Challenge is enclosed with this letter. We begin with a prayer on Sunday January 1, 2017. Readings begin Monday January 2nd. For more information, please contact the Diocesan Offices.

Yours in Christ,

The Right Reverend Daniel Gutierrez
XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania