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We are the light of the world. Matt 5:14

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Dear Reverend Priests and Catechist's Coordinator
Greetings in the Lord.

We hope all of you are doing well under the difficult conditions of the second wave, but we believe that this too will pass, through Christ we will overcome. The catechetical department would like to wish you a healthy and a safe year ahead.

We all know that the Holy Father has declared the 3rd Sundays of ordinary time as the "Sunday of the Word of God". In his letter 'Aperuit illis' he encourages us to read and pray with the scriptures and this comes at the time when we are all unable to go to Church due to Covid restrictions. He encourages us to read God's Word, which is a way to draw closer to and improve our relationship and deepen our faith in the Lord and understand His will through this situation.

Holy Father encourages us to enthrone the bible in our homes, reserve a special place within our homes where, as a family we can gather for the reading of the word of God and pray every day. Following the call of our Holy Father we encourage and request all the families in our Archdiocese to go through the enclosed guideline on how to go about the celebration for Sunday in your families. We also request you to send the photos to us of the enthronement of the Bible in your family which we will publish in our AD News.

Yours in Christ.
Fr Boniface D'Souza