

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

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SCRIPTURE

Read Sirach 1:1-30

REFLECT:

1. This passage from Sirach praises wisdom, saying that all wisdom comes from God. What or who do you think of when you think of wisdom? How is God reflected in that example?
2. In this passage, wisdom and fear of the Lord are closely connected. What do you think this means?
3. How can we best position ourselves to be receptive to God's Wisdom in our lives?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Learning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg. 30)

As we have called on all members of the Church to take on the work of the Lord Jesus, so we vehemently call on all Catholic Christians to read, study and pray over the Bible. I ask our parishes to walk the *Via Fidelis* and do their best to provide on-going formation in the sacred Scriptures.

Our parishes should be vibrant places where the Word of God is regularly read and studied. Our parishes should make the faithful aware of the many resources that are available to families, including podcasts, books and other catechetical resources.

REFLECT:

1. In this brief selection, the bishop encourages us to bring Scripture to prayer. Why do you think Scripture is such a vital part of a full prayer life?
2. What are some of your favorite Scripture passages to reflect on?
3. How does reflecting on God's Word in Scripture nourish our pursuit of wisdom, as describe by Sirach?

