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Dear Susan and Tom,

As the Lenten season of grace is quickly passing, and very soon the celebration of the Sacred Triduum will be upon us-- where we draw ever closer and deeper into the central mystery of our Christian faith-- the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I extend to you, your families and the Epiphany Academy my special greetings of peace, love and joyful hope.

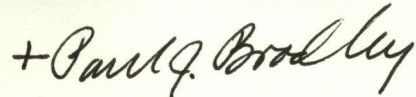
In my previous role as Auxiliary Bishop and later as Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I was very pleased to enjoy Seasonal days of reflection that Dr. Susan Muto conducted for the diocesan senior staff at the Epiphany Academy. I was also pleased to co-present many an Advent and Lenten Evenings of Reflection with Tom Joyce; who was also one of my Masters of Ceremonies.

As the mediation verse at the beginning of the Invitatory of the Liturgy of the Hours beautifully exhorts, "*Encourage each other daily while it is still today,*" (Hebrews 3:13) we are reminded of the communal aspect of our journey to God. We are called to encourage and build each other up in our pursuit of holiness as we diligently work to bring forth the Kingdom of God in our own day. Too often Catholic men feel isolated and alone, spiritually thirsty and hungering to put the fruits of their sacramental life into practice. Not knowing where to turn, they very much are like "*sheep without a shepherd.*" (1 Peter 2:25)

Epiphany Academy's online course Spiritual Formation for Christian Men will help address the urgent need to encourage, form, reform and transform Christian men as they grow in their understanding of their calling in Christ, their commitment to Christ and their consecration with Christ. By reading and reflecting upon the works of such masters as St. Augustine, the Patron of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, of which I am happy to be the Ordinary, one can learn to apply the lessons the masters impart to the details of their life at home, in their communities and in the wider world.

Therefore, I am very pleased to recognize and support the effort of the Epiphany Academy, under the direction of Dr. Muto, and the assistance of Mr. Tom Joyce, and I wholeheartedly ask God's continued blessings upon their efforts to reach out to all on their faith journey to our loving God.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Paul J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, M.S.W., D.D.
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