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26th Annual Scripture Seminar

The Texas Catholic Conference has hosted the Scripture Seminar in the Austin area for the last 25 years. This Seminar is intended as a week of intensive scripture study for those with intermediate to advanced scripture knowledge. Nationally recognized speakers are selected for the Seminar, and all speakers are approved by the local ordinary.

The seminar has traditionally provided Catholic clergy with an opportunity to study and reflect on scripture to assist with the preparation of preaching for the upcoming liturgical year. Over the years, an increasing number of lay faithful have taken an interest in the Seminar. Now, Catholic School teachers, Directors of Religious Education, liturgists, and others in ministry attend the Seminar to continue their on-going formation.

This year marks the first time that the Seminar will take place outside of Austin. In future years the Seminar may rotate among other Texas cities in order to allow greater participation of people throughout the state.

The 26th Annual Scripture Seminar will be held at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, TX, on October 5-8, 2009. Cardinal DiNardo welcomes the Scripture Seminar to Houston, Texas, as part of the Archdioceses' Year of the Bible activities.

This year's seminar, titled "The Psalms in the Life and Worship of the Church" will feature guest speakers Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP, a Paulist Father and president and publisher of the Paulist Press, and Dr. Renata Furst, Director of Studies and a formation advisor at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

For more information on this year's Scripture Seminar, visit www.TXcatholic.org or contact Becky Sierra at (512) 339-9882.

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