



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Archbishop

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Dear Steve:

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is a very large and dynamic diocese. We have hundreds of organizations dedicated to the spiritual formation and welfare of over 1.5 million Catholics spread across 150 parishes and eight counties in southern Texas. I am happy to recognize *Paradisus Dei* as one of these organizations.

Without question, holiness within the context of marriage and family life is one of the most pressing needs within the Church and modern culture. I am grateful that your program *That Man is You!* has proven so effective in addressing this critical need. The program's content which integrates the Church's teachings with modern social and medical science has brought the faith alive for countless men. Its spiritual formation, especially the Lenten journey, truly helps men understand how near God is to each of us. I understand that pastors credit it with transforming men and their families. As such, it is a joy to see so many men getting up so early to embrace our faith as a pathway to holiness in their marriages and family life. This is a sign of the new evangelization foreseen by the Second Vatican Council when lay individuals and movements would place their talents and energies at the service of the universal Church.

Since "the future of the Church passes through the family" (*Familiaris Consortio*, no. 75), it is not surprising that pastors at many parishes hosting *That Man is You!* attest to its impact upon the greater parish. Men returning to the sacraments and becoming more active in parish life demonstrate the program's power to help in the renewal of parish life.

I pray that the Lord will grant increase to your efforts and bless *Paradisus Dei*, its programs and those whom it serves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Daniel N. DiNardo

Most Reverend Daniel N. DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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