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## **MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRMAN CCBI BIBLE COMMISSION**

“The Church on earth is by its very nature missionary” says *Ad Gentes* (no.2). The message of the Bible is centered in the person of Jesus Christ. He and his message of the Kingdom of God has to be proclaimed to all parts of the world. This is also the missionary mandate of Christ. The Bible Commission of CCBI (Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India), following this mandate and according to its vision and mission, is making many efforts to spread the knowledge and the message of Bible and that of the person of Jesus Christ.

In this process, of late, we are launching the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) both in **online** and **postal**. This will be launched on 16, Feb 2020 during the one day secession of CCBI in Bangalore. It is offered in English and major languages of our country. The course is open to Christians and non-Christians too. Anyone who wants to know the Bible deeply can follow this course. The students of this course will get solid background knowledge of all the books of the Bible and the life-giving message of the Sacred Scripture.

The lessons are prepared by eminent biblical scholars of India and written in a simple and easy style. This course, I am sure, will deepen the knowledge of Bible and bring close to the person of Jesus Christ.

So, may I request priests, men and women religious, those in the formation, lay leaders and lay brothers and sisters to follow this course and be benefited.

Let the Word of God dwell in you richly (Col 3:16).

May God bless you all!

Yours in the Ministry of the Word of God,

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