

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Catholic Biblical School is intended for adults who are willing to make a commitment to complete all course requirements for at least one year. No particular educational background is required. The program is recommended for those wishing to meet the Lord in a deeper way through scripture. It is especially beneficial for religious education teachers, lectors, and leaders of Bible study groups.

The Catholic Biblical School is a four-year program of intensive study that covers every book of the Bible.

Biblical books studied each year

- Year One: Foundations of the Old Testament (Genesis–2 Kings)
- Year Two: Foundations of the New Testament (Mark, Luke-Acts, Pauline Letters, John, Johannine Letters, Book of Revelation)
- Year Three: Old Testament Prophets, Psalms and other writings
- Year Four: Wisdom Literature, Deuterocanonical Books, Matthew, Catholic and Pastoral Letters, Hebrews

Each year consists of **30 classes**, a summer assignment, an Orientation Day, and an optional Lenten Day of Prayer.

- Classes are divided into three 10-week units.
- Classes start the week of September 13 and end the week of May 16.
- Each class is two hours in length and includes: an opening prayer time, small group discussion on the written homework, and a presentation by the instructor that prepares students for the next assignment.
- The average student spends approximately 3–4 hours per week on the homework assignment which includes reading chapters from the biblical book being studied, reading supplementary materials, and writing the answers to 5–6 questions.
- During the last class of each unit students take a short test.

Communal Days

Each year, students will have a required Orientation Day at the beginning of the year and an optional Spiritual Lenten Day of Prayer. The communal days for first year students are scheduled as follows:

- Orientation Day: Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at the University of Dallas.
- Optional Spiritual Lenten Day of Prayer: Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Summer Assignments

- In preparation for each year, students are asked to read a summer book and write answers to questions based on their reading.
- Students discuss their summer assignments in their small groups at the Orientation Day.

The Catholic Biblical School is a certificate program but undergraduate credit is also available.

Certificate

- After completing two years of the program, students earn a certificate of basic biblical studies.
- After completing four years of the program, students earn a certificate of advanced biblical studies.
- To earn the certificates, students must not miss more than 2 classes in any 10-week unit (a third missed class can be made up with permission of the instructor), attend the Orientation Day, complete all homework assignments, and pass all end-of-unit tests.
- A student who is unable to fulfill these requirements may still be eligible to receive a participant certificate at the end of four years.

Undergraduate credit from the University of Dallas

- Students may earn one credit hour for each successfully completed unit (up to three hours per year).
- Requirements for earning undergraduate credit include submission of:
 - Proof of eligibility to receive college credit
 - An application for undergraduate credit
 - Additional written work according to program policy
 - An additional cost of \$145 per credit hour sought

WHAT DOES IT COST?

If you register by April 30, 2009, you can take advantage of early registration and pay last year's course fee of \$495. Starting May 1, 2009, the regular course fee is \$545 per year payable in full with your application and upon acceptance into the program.

NO PART of the course fee is refundable. There is an additional cost for books.

TEXTBOOKS USED IN THE PROGRAM

Bible: Students may use any of these translations

- New American (the Catholic Study Bible is recommended)
- New Jerusalem
- Revised Standard or New Revised Standard with Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals

Other Textbooks (Available through University of Dallas Bookstore or online)

- Each year students use supplementary textbooks in their study.
- The total cost of these books is approximately \$115.00.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications are available online at www.udallas.edu/ministry/cbs/applicationinfo.cfm
- Fill out the application and contact the Catholic Biblical School at 972-721-5105 to sign up for one of the information sessions held at different locations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. For a listing of locations please visit www.udallas.edu/ministry/cbs. If you are unable to attend an information session, you may schedule an individual meeting with one of the instructors.
- During the session which usually lasts about an hour
 - You will receive basic information about the Catholic Biblical School program.
 - You will have all of your questions about the Catholic Biblical School answered.
 - You will have an opportunity to submit your application and to register for the program.
- If you register,
 - You will receive your summer assignment.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

First year classes will meet weekly for three ten-week units beginning the week of September 13, 2009 and ending the week of May 16, 2010 at the following locations in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area:

- Monday evenings at the University of Dallas North Richland Hills Campus (7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday evenings at the University of Dallas Frisco Campus (7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday evenings at St. Mark Catholic Church in Denton (7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)
- Thursday evenings at the University of Dallas Irving Campus (7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)
- Spanish first year classes will be on Thursdays evenings at Good Shepherd in Garland (7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)
- **Classes in both English and Spanish are also offered Online. Please visit- www.udallas.edu/ministry/cbs for more information.**

THE INSTRUCTORS

Mr. Gene Giuliano (Director of the Catholic Biblical School and full-time instructor)

- M.A. in Scripture, St. Thomas Seminary Graduate School, Denver, CO
- Catholic Biblical School, 8 years (Archdiocese of Denver); IRPS/School of Ministry Biblical School, 7 years

Sr. Dorothy Jonaitis, OP (full-time assistant professor)

- Doctor of Ministry in preaching, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- Catholic Biblical School, 11 years (Archdiocese of Denver); IRPS/School of Ministry Biblical School, 6 years

Mr. Jim McGill (full-time instructor)

- M.A. in Theology, St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, CA
- Scripture/Theology, 18 years (Greco Institute, Shreveport); School of Ministry Biblical School, 2 years

Mr. Juan Rendon (full-time instructor)

- M.A. in Theological Studies/Pastoral Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
- High School Theology, 4 years (Tyler Diocese); School of Ministry Biblical School, 2 years (Spanish)

Mrs. Pía Septién (full-time instructor)

- Master of Theological Studies, Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies, University of Dallas, Irving, TX
- IRPS/School of Ministry Biblical School, 3 years (English and Spanish)