



HARTFORD CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

YEAR ONE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Due Sept. 9, 2017 (Opening Scripture Day) 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

(Please arrive no later than 8:50.)

Required text: Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture, by Stephen J. Binz

Instructions:

- 1. Read the assigned text, Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture, by Stephen J. Binz**
- 2. Answer the six questions below on a separate sheet of paper, preferably computer printed. Include the questions with your answers. Answers should be 1-2 paragraphs in length.**
- 3. Bring your written assignment with you to the Opening Scripture Day (see above for date)**

Questions:

1. Five roadblocks/obstacles to reading and studying the Bible are given on pages 5–6 of your required summer text. Which of the five roadblocks/obstacles listed do you think might pose the greatest challenge for you? Explain using personal experience of the Bible or other sacred reading you may have done.
2. Using the different but interrelated roles of the Holy Spirit in reading the Bible (pages 13–14), comment on the role of the Holy Spirit in your Bible reading so far in your life.
3. Use pages 18–23 of the Binz text, along with Supplementary Reading #1 (page 65 in your Catholic Biblical School workbook, if you have already purchased it), to answer the following questions: What Bible will you use at this time? What translation (or version) is it? What factors are guiding your choice?
4. After reading pages 31–45, briefly comment on this statement: “God is the source of the truth contained in the Scriptures.” (p. 40)
5. Binz states that “there are many ways that contemporary Christians can fall into the trap of fundamentalism.” Briefly comment on which characteristic of biblical fundamentalism (pages 62–66) you might easily find as a trap. Why?
6. What new or helpful insights into reading the Bible did you get from reading this book?