

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

# Catholic Bible Institute



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## About the Catholic Bible Institute

### PROGRAM

The Catholic Bible Institute is a three-year program which involves a comprehensive study of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, with particular focus on methods of study, sharing and praying with scripture, and application of skills in bible-study leadership.

**Year One** includes an introduction to the Hebrew scriptures and an overview of the following themes: Into to the Hebrew Scriptures, Pentateuch & Torah, Historical Writings, Prophets, Exile & Rebuilding, Deutero-canonical Writings, Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Theology.

**Year Two** includes an introduction to the New Testament and an overview of the following: Mark, Matthew, Luke/Acts, Johannine Writings, Pauline Writings, Disputed Letters, Pastoral Letters, Revelation, Early Christian Writings & New Testament Theology.

**Year Three** focuses on developing practical skills for working with groups, with an emphasis on adult learning, facilitation skills, group process, working with bible-study resources, and leadership training.



### GOAL

- To grow in appreciation of God's revealed Word
- To foster a Catholic understanding of the study of scripture
- To integrate bible-study with prayer and Christian living
- To provide formation and training for parish-based bible study

### LEVELS OF STUDY

- 1. CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES**
  - To provide leadership training for bible-study
  - To provide a working knowledge of scripture
  - To provide skills to lead parish-based scripture programs
  - To foster participant's spiritual growth
  - To broaden participant's understanding of scripture.
- 2. ENRICHMENT**

Those seeking personal enrichment are encouraged in their studies through participation with those seeking certification (limited to space availability as priority is given to those seeking certification).

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3424 Wilshire Blvd  
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# CBI 2008

Continuing Education Credit offered by Loyola Marymount University for Certificate Students

## FORMAT

The Catholic Bible Institute is an experiential learning opportunity. A team of facilitators utilizes a variety of instruction methods appropriate to adult learning. These methods include:

- Presentation by qualified Biblical instructors
- Small group discussion on themes
- Communal praying of scripture
- Monthly reading assignments including scripture passages and Biblical commentaries
- Monthly reflection papers
- Additional written assignments required for certification.

Classes meet monthly at

**St. Robert's Hall**  
Loyola Marymount University  
ONE LMU Drive

Please send your

1. **Registration fee**
2. **Letter of Recommendation from Pastor**
3. **Completed Registration Form**

to the Office of Religious Education (see form for details)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## SCHEDULE

8:30am—4:00pm

### YEAR ONE

Dec. 1, 2007 (Required)	Orientation/Introduction to Studying the Scriptures <i>CBI Team</i>
Jan , 2008	Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures <i>Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher</i>
Feb. 16	Torah/Pentateuch I <i>Dr. William Shaules</i>
Mar. 15	Torah/Pentateuch II <i>Dr. Carol Dempsey, O.P.</i>
Apr. 19	Historical & Prophetic Writings I <i>Rev. Lawrence Boadt, CSP</i>
May 10	Historical & Prophetic Writings II <i>Rev. Lawrence Boadt, CSP</i>
Sep. 20	Exile / Rebuilding <i>Barbara Murphy</i>
Oct. 18	Wisdom Literature <i>Dr. William Shaules</i>
Nov. 15	Apocalyptic / Deuterocanonical Texts <i>Kay Murdy</i>
Dec. 13	Hebrew Theology <i>Dr. Daniel Smith-Christopher</i>

(Dates & presenters subject to change)

## What are they saying about the CBI?

The late Biblical scholar **Fr. Raymond Brown, SS**, "Your Catholic Bible Institute is one of the finest things going on in this country today..."

**Cardinal Roger Mahony** told recent graduates of the Catholic Bible Institute that since Vatican II there has been an explosion of bible study, especially in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The Cardinal said that the Catholic Bible Institute has been a blessing and grace to God's people by opening the power of Scripture to them.

**Fr. George Montague, SM** of St. Mary's University in San Antonio said, "the Catholic Bible Institute has impressed me not only for its content in Scripture but also for the formation it is giving to hundreds of lay people as leaders of Bible study groups. This is an invaluable service to a Church that is discovering anew the richness of God's Word."

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 Enrichment only \$180 / year

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