



Just what is the Diocesan School of Biblical Studies?

The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies (DSBS) is a serious study of all seventy-three writings in the Catholic canon of scriptures. Based on a design pioneered in the Archdiocese of Denver, revised by the University of Dallas, and run successfully in the Diocese of La Crosse for sixteen years, the School holds classes one Saturday a month for nine months of the year. The “average” class day runs from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, with approximately three hours given over to large-group lectures by seasoned faculty, interspersed with an additional three hours of small-group discussion based on prepared study questions. The program joins the best of contemporary Catholic biblical learning with a thirst for personal spiritual enrichment and a love for the use of the scriptures in the Church.

If interest in each area is sufficient, Series V will operate—as have prior programs—from three regional locations in Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Stevens Point on alternate Saturdays of the month. Participants in the program with conflicts on a given class day at their primary teaching center are strongly encouraged to travel the extra distance to “make up” the session at another location.

After two years of study, participants will have encountered many of the most important literary styles in the Bible, while completion of the whole four years will give them a college level-introduction to the whole of God’s written word. On the back of this brochure you will find an outline of the sequence of books and themes for four-year course of studies. Up to ten college credits in religious studies can be earned from Viterbo University for the four years of DSBS work. The faculty of the Bible School periodically offer a further fifth-year class on Catholic scripture study resources for parishes and small-group leadership skills.