



“*Making Sense of the Bible*” draws upon the strengths of the Catholic Biblical School process but with much less student commitment. CBS 075 is designed to introduce, in a straightforward manner, how the Catholic Church approaches the Bible. It also seeks to familiarize students with the class structures and dynamics of the Archdiocesan Biblical School. At the invitation of authorized pastoral leaders, classes take place in the context of local faith communities and are led by graduates of the Catholic Biblical School who have received specialized training to lead the extension course.

The extension course consists of six sessions that survey:

- Key concepts relating to the Bible and God’s Revealed Word in the Catholic faith community
- Some of the foundational texts in the Old and New Testaments
- Principal tools of interpretation as understood in contemporary Catholic teaching
- Models of praying with Scripture

Location: Tailored to your parish or school needs

Facilitator: CBS Alum trained and matched to your preferences

Topics for each two-hour session are as follows:

Week 1 Getting to Know the Bible

Week 2 Reading the Creation Accounts in Genesis 1-3

Week 3 What Is a “Covenant” in the Bible?

Week 4 Getting to Know the Wisdom Literature and Psalms

Week 5 Introducing the Synoptic Gospels

Week 6 Introducing the Letters of St. Paul

Texts Required for Each Student

1. One Catholic Study Bible with study material included, choosing either *Little Rock Catholic Study Bible*, Liturgical Press, 2011; or *The Catholic Study Bible*, second edition, 2010 or third edition, 2016, Oxford University Press.
2. *The Bible Blueprint*, Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press 2009

“The Hartford Catholic Biblical School provides adults the opportunity to encounter the Word of God in prayerful, in-depth and faithful ways that prepare them to become evangelizing leaders in their faith communities.”

–Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, STD

About the Hartford Catholic Biblical School: Part of the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, CBS offers a two- to four-year Scripture study accredited by the State of Connecticut that covers every book of the Bible. Students engage the Bible deeply as God’s revealed Word, integrating Bible study with prayer and Christian living, placing scripture interpretation into conversation with Catholic teaching and practice, and acquiring essential skills for leading Bible-based ministries. Classes meet at locations throughout the three counties of the Archdiocese. Contact BJ Daly Horell at catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org or (860) 242-5573.