



New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS)
CBS 075: “Making Sense of the Bible” Introductory Course
Introducing NECBS and the Bible in Six Short Weeks

CBS 075: “Making Sense of the Bible” is designed to introduce, in a straightforward manner, how the Catholic Church approaches the Bible. It also seeks to familiarize and to invite students to prayerfully discern applying to NECBS in order to seek a deeper understanding of God and to strengthen their relationship with Him. At the invitation of authorized pastoral leaders, classes take place in the context of local faith communities and are led by graduates of NECBS 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 New England 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