
CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-002 SCRIPTURE

COURSE OUTLINE

Scripture considers the basic and preliminary information about Scripture.

General Course Objectives

1. Understand the meaning of inspiration, historical development, and literary criticism.
2. Understand the primary themes and basic concepts in Scripture, including covenant, kingdom, creation, salvation, and conversion.
3. Understand the scriptural foundations for Catholic moral teaching, conscience formation, and decision making.
4. Understand the use of Scripture in theological reflection.
5. Understand God's revelation in creation, the person of Jesus, and lived experience.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: What is a Bible?

- Identify and understand the history of the Bible.
- Understand Inspiration and Revelation.

Week 2: The Catholic Approach to Scripture

- Understand the literary forms of Scripture.
- Understand the process of Revelation.

Week 3: Covenant Love

- Understand Covenant Love as described in the Old Testament.

Week 4: The Kingdom of God

- Understand Kingdom.
- Describe the Return of the Son of Man.

Week 5: The Bible in the Life of the Church

- Understand Scripture in the Eucharist and Church Doctrine.
- Understand Scripture in Moral Decision Making, as well as Communal and Personal Prayer.

Textbooks

[Witherup, Ronald. *The Bible Companion - A Catholic Handbook for Beginners*. The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2009.](#)

References

Online Resources

[*The Holy Bible*](#)

Assessment

Scripture consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.