

## **Magisterial Documents on Scripture Studies**

In his last address to the Synod of Bishops on the Word of God, Pope Benedict XVI said that the Bible teaches us the “path of beauty to understand and reach God.” It is necessary that we obtain a deeper understanding of the Word in order to live it with their lives.

In addition to learning more about scripture on this site and on the internet, also take advantage of the excellent resources we have in the Diocese of Dallas through the University of Dallas School of Ministry graduate programs and the Catholic Biblical School.

### **Daily Word of Life**

This basic study offers the beginner an in-depth study of the bible that is easy to understand.

[http://www.daily-word-of-life.com/bible\\_study.htm](http://www.daily-word-of-life.com/bible_study.htm)

### **Congregation for the Clergy: Reading the Word of God with the Church**

This program from the Vatican offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis that allows you to connect Sacred Scripture to the complete works of many Doctors of the Church, Councils, Encyclicals, teachings of the Popes, Catechisms, as well as commentaries from secular literature, etc.

[http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index\\_eng.html](http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html)

### **Church Documents**

Throughout history the Church has fostered the proper interpretation of Holy Scripture as a means of furthering Christian life and spirituality. Here you will find a compilation of Church documents on scripture.

<http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/>

### **Providentissimus Deus (1893)**

Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on “The Study of Holy Scripture,” November 18, 1893.

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/leo\\_xiii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_18111893\\_providentissimus-deus\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/leo_xiii/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_18111893_providentissimus-deus_en.html)

### **Divino Afflante Spiritu (1943)**

Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on “Promoting Biblical Studies,” September 30, 1943.

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/pius\\_xii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_p-xii\\_enc\\_30091943\\_divino-afflante-spiritu\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pius_xii/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_30091943_divino-afflante-spiritu_en.html)

### **Dei Verbum: Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (1965)**

Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation promulgated by Pope Paul VI in November 18, 1965.

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19651118\\_dei-verbum\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html)

### **The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church (1993)**

Presented by the Pontifical Biblical Commission to Pope John Paul II on April 23, 1993.

[http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/PBC\\_Interp.htm](http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/PBC_Interp.htm)

**The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible (2001)**

This document was presented by the Pontifical Biblical Commission on May 24, 2001.

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/pcb\\_documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20020212\\_popolo-ebraico\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/pcb_documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20020212_popolo-ebraico_en.html)

**Message to the People of God of the XII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (2008).** This is the message at the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops. The message presents the four icons (phases) by which the Church proposes a spiritual journey consisting of four phases and that will carry us from all eternity and the infinite nature of God to our homes and the streets of our cities.

[http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/press/sinodo/documents/bollettino\\_22\\_xii-ordinaria-](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/press/sinodo/documents/bollettino_22_xii-ordinaria-)

[2008/02\\_inglese/b34\\_02.html#MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE XII ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOB OF BISHOPS](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/press/sinodo/documents/bollettino_22_xii-ordinaria-2008/02_inglese/b34_02.html#MESSAGE_TO_THE_PEOPLE_OF_GOD_OF_THE_XII_ORDINARY_GENERAL_ASSEMBLY_OF_THE_SYNOB_OF_BISHOPS)