SAMPLE PARISH RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AT MASS

(This is just a sample. The text in black font should be included, and the “gaps” indicated should be filled in. You can adapt the message as will suit the needs of individual parish communities. The talk should last no longer than two minutes.

If your parish is a first-year location or if there is a first year location nearby, it is important to ***add this information*** to your announcement.

If you personalize this announcement, as we hope you will, please include your personal message in place of the paragraph beginning “As one Biblical School student said” and/or the paragraph beginning, “Have you ever wondered.”)

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a *(insert “student” or “graduate”)* of the Catholic Biblical School. I want to thank *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert pastor’s name)* for the opportunity to speak to you about the New England Catholic Biblical School.

**Have you ever wondered what the readings at mass really mean? Have you heard someone talk about the Bible and wondered what Catholics have to say about it? Have you ever wanted to join in a conversation about the Bible but felt unprepared? Would you like to understand God’s Word more fully? If your response to any of these questions is “yes,” then the Catholic Biblical School might be for you.**

The New England Catholic Biblical School – affectionately known as CBS – provides an opportunity for adults to come to know, love and live scripture through an in-depth Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Through weekly classes students grow in an understanding of God’s word and what it can mean in their daily lives. Graduates of the program tell us that attending the Catholic Biblical School has been one of the best experiences of their lives!

As one Biblical School student said, “The Catholic Biblical School is the most enriching, life-changing program I have ever been a part of. The Bible has truly come to life for me.” Another commented that it “made all the liturgical readings and celebrations much more meaningful to me.” “It has literally changed my life” is how another student explained her Biblical School experience.

*(This would be a good time to insert something about what the Catholic Biblical School has meant for you.)*

**With CBS, you have the opportunity to study the entire Bible in four years. The classes balance small group discussions with presentations by professional Catholic teachers as well as prayer related to the Bible lesson for each week.**

**Whether or not you have ever studied the Bible before,**

**I invite you to think about enrolling in this exciting program***. (If you know of any Biblical School students or graduates in the church when this announcement is being made, you might want to ask them to stand at this time.)*

**If you are interested or have questions, stop by** *(indicate where you will be)* **to see me after mass. You can also pick up Catholic Biblical School brochures at the entrances to the church** *(hold up a brochure)* **and sign up with me to receive more information.**

**Thank you.**