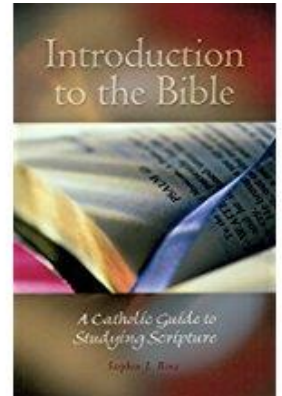**HARTFORD CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL**
YEAR ONE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT
Due at your *required* **Opening Scripture Formation Day (Saturday AFTER Labor Day weekend)**

Instructions:
1. **Read the assigned text,** *Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture*, by Stephen J. Binz, ISBN 978-0-8146-1700-7.

2. **Answer the six questions below** on a separate sheet of paper (computer printed preferred). Include the *questions with your answers* or attach this sheet. Answers should be about a paragraph (two at the most) in length.

3. **Bring your written assignment with you** to the CBS 100 Opening Scripture Day.

Questions:
1. Five roadblocks/obstacles to reading and studying the Bible are given on pages 5–6 of your required summer text. Which of the five roadblocks/obstacles listed do you think might pose the greatest challenge for you? Explain your answer using personal experience of reading the Bible, if you can, or other devotional reading you may have done.

2. Use the different but interrelated roles of the Holy Spirit in reading the Bible described on pages 13–14 to comment on the role of the Holy Spirit as you've read or heard proclaimed the Bible (e.g., in church) so far in your life.

3. Use pages 18–23 of the Binz text to answer the following questions: What Bible will you use at this time? What translation (or version) is it? (Give not only the publisher's title: e.g., St. Joseph Edition or Catholic Answer Bible; but also the name of the translation, e.g., New American Bible Revised Edition). What factors are guiding your choice?

4. After reading pages 31–45, briefly comment on this statement: "God is the source of the truth contained in the Scriptures." (p. 40)

5. The author states that "there are many ways that contemporary Christians can fall into the trap of fundamentalism." Briefly comment on which characteristic of biblical fundamentalism (pages 62–66) you consider a trap. Why?

6. What new or helpful insights into reading the Bible did you get from reading this book?