



# THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

## PROGRAMMING GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

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# WHAT IS IT?

*The Saint John's Bible* is a hand-written and hand-illuminated Bible encompassing seven volumes: Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom Books, Psalms, Prophets, Gospels and Acts, and Letters and Revelation. St. John's Abbey and University commissioned British calligrapher Donald Jackson to oversee the creation of *The Saint John's Bible*, the first of its scale commissioned by a religious order in 500 years.

The Diocese of Hamilton is home to a Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible*. It is a fine art reproduction of *The Saint John's Bible*.

The Heritage Edition reproduces all of the illuminations and text of the original, highlighted using real gold.



## SOME CONSIDERATIONS

### **IS YOUR VENUE ACCESSIBLE?**

The Bible is very heavy and the docents cannot navigate stairs.

### **HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WILL YOU HAVE?**

We can bring the Bible over multiple days to accommodate large events.

### **WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE THE BIBLE TO VISIT?**

We require two months notice to schedule a booking.

### **WHO WILL BE THE MAIN CONTACT?**

A staff member from your organization should stay with the docent or facilitator.

# WHO CAN USE IT?

Church groups of any denomination, religious orders, cultural institutions, community groups, nursing homes, shelters, missions, etc.

# HOW MIGHT YOU USE IT?

## FOR YOUR GROUP

DIOCESAN FACILITATORS CAN LEAD:

- Guided prayer sessions.
- Focused presentations about the Making and Mission of *The Saint John's Bible*.
- Hands-on explorations of the art, calligraphy and illuminations.

## SHARING THE BIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY

DOCENTS CAN HELP YOU SHARE THROUGH:

- Open viewings.
- Festivals and celebrations.
- Masses and services.
- Public talks or presentations.



# FIND YOUR INSPIRATION ONLINE:

[hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible](http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible)

See how other groups have used *The Saint John's Bible*, find a listing of upcoming events, or book the Bible for your own event!

# HOW DOES *THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE* TRAVEL?

The Bible always travels with a docent who is responsible for the care of the Bible and knowledgeable about its history and making. The docent is primarily responsible for the Bible, not the people who have been invited to see it.

## WHO WILL YOU WORK WITH?

A facilitator can accompany the Bible and the docent, and work with you to plan the use of the Bible with your community. Facilitators from the Pastoral Offices at the Diocese of Hamilton can help you to plan programming related to Prayer, Spirituality, and Formation. Docents and facilitators from The Bishop Farrell Library and Archives can help you to plan programming related to the making and art of *The Saint John's Bible*.



## WHO TO CONTACT?

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