



THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

PROGRAMMING GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

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JOHN'S BIBLE* TRAVEL?

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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 SCHOOL ACCESSIBLE?

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

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN YOUR SCHOOL?

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

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE THE BIBLE TO VISIT?

We require two months notice to schedule a booking.

HOW IS YOUR DAY STRUCTURED?

Share your bell schedule with us to help plan the day.

WHO WILL BE THE MAIN CONTACT?

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

HOW MIGHT YOU USE IT?

IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

DIOCESAN FACILITATORS CAN LEAD:

- Presentations on illuminations.
- Guided prayer sessions with our *Seeing the Word program (Visio Divina)*.
- Hands-on explorations of the art of calligraphy and illumination.
- Open viewings to introduce students to *The Saint John's Bible*.

IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

DIOCESAN FACILITATORS CAN LEAD:

- Guided prayer sessions with our *Seeing the Word program*.
- Scripture study.
- In-depth examinations of the art and craft of *The Saint John's Bible*.

FOR STAFF

- Formation and retreats for staff and school council.
- As a leadership or faith building activity.
- As an introduction to *The Saint John's Bible*.



**FIND YOUR
INSPIRATION ONLINE:**

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 school. 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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community event visit:

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