

From Dr. Regina Boisclair
For your upcoming Diaconal Formation Classes with her

Please come to these classes prepared.

You should purchase *The Bible Documents with Commentary and Index* from Liturgical Training Publications, 2001 ISBN 1-56854-249-6. In addition I will be asking you to pick up the most recent document on the web for the second class.

Assignments: Before the class of February 28 read: *Divino Afflante Spiritu* (1943), with the overview by Murray Watson; "On the Historical Truth of the Gospels," with overview by Prior 1964; *Dei Verbum*, with overview by Moeser; and the Introduction to the Lectionary with overview by Gerard Sloyan. These are all in the book pages 1-120.

Before class please write out what you sense to be the five most significant statements in *Divino Afflante Spiritu*, "On the History Truth of the Gospels" and *Dei Verbum*. These should be sent on February 28 to boiscl@alaskapacific.edu Please do NOT send these beforehand please send so that I will receive them by noon.

Before the class of March 7 read: *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, and the selections from the Catechism with the overviews for each. In addition go to the web and GOOGLE Pontifical Biblical Commission and print out a copy of *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scripture in the Christian Bible*. This document prints out to 106 pages I want you to read pages 6-24. Skip the preface, read the Introduction, Part I A-E and Part II A. As you read *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, make a list of those points that you sense you need to remember (whether or not you know them already). As you read *The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scripture* identify why you sense the Pontifical Biblical Commission issued this document. Send these to me before noon on March 7 at boiscl@alaskapacific.edu

I ask that you do not send me anything until after 7:30 on the Tuesday before each class. I have too many students and too many courses to keep track of this semester.

There is another text that has many of the same documents and several more. It does not include the lectionary intro or the selections from the Catechism but it does have additional Conciliar, Papal and Curial documents---the additional documents in this collection have teachings that have been superseded by the ones that we are reading. However if you want the complete range of documents they will be found in *The Scripture Documents: An Anthology of Official Catholic Teachings*. Edited and Translated by Dean P. Béchard. The Liturgical Press, 2002 ISBN 0-8146-2591-6. Both these texts were published before the Jewish People teaching was issued by the PBC.