

SESSION 3: THE BIBLE

Following is a summary of the main points presented in the video.

- Sacred Scripture contains the Word of God in the words of man (CCC 101).
- God is the author of the Sacred Scriptures. He inspired human writers who wrote as true authors, using their own language, style and powers. But God worked in them and by them so that they consigned to writing “whatever he wanted written, and no more” (CCC 105-106).
- Because God is the divine author and everything affirmed by the human writers is affirmed by the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures always teach the truth (CCC 107).
- The Bible is not to be read in a literalistic way, but literarily, with attention to what the human writers intend to affirm and to what God wants to reveal through them (CCC 108-114).
- All Scripture tells a single story—the story of salvation that culminates in Jesus. The Old Testament prepares for the New, and the New Testament fulfills the Old (CCC 101-102, 122, 128-129).
- The Catholic Church, under the guidance of the Spirit, has discerned which books are included in the list (or canon) of authentic Scriptures (CCC 120).
- The Church has always seen the Scriptures as essential to nourish and govern Christian lives (CCC 131).