



News from the Office of Religious Education

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Your Partner In Mission

July August

2026



Young people are Called to Greatness!

Jesus invites each of them into a lived, personal relationship with him, and he sends them out to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone.

Called to Greatness will root teens (entering 10th-12th grade) more deeply in their own discipleship of Jesus and will equip them to be the protagonists in living out this evangelizing mission and walking with others on their faith journey.

Registration closes Friday, July 17th

- **Dates:** July 25 & 26, 2026
- **Location:** St. Joseph Salesian Youth Center (8301 Arroyo Dr. Rosemead, CA 91770)
- **Cost:** \$90.00/person (morning hospitality and lunch included)
- **Adult** chaperones/leaders welcome to register and stay each day

Register at **ADLA STORE:** <https://archla.org/49k>

View flyer on page 2

For more information contact Dayrin Perez at dperez@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7643.

Upcoming Events

July 1 - CBI Old Testament Registration Opens

July 8 - Casting Our Nets: How can I accompany someone towards discipleship?

July 13-16 - CBI Summer Bible Week

July 18 - CBI Summer Bible Retreat Day

July 20 - Vision and Skills Faith Formation
Summer 2026 Program begins

July 25 & 26 - Called to Greatness **Register now!**

August 22 & 29 - Palabra de Dios - Fuente de vida Nueva

August 29 - Bible Study Leadership - Old Testament **Register now!**

REGIONAL CONGRESSES

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 2026

Sept 19 - San Fernando Region

September 26 - San Gabriel Region

October 3 - San Pedro Region

October 17 - Our Lady of the Angels Region

October 24 - Santa Barbara

NCYC 2026 - Long Beach, CA

November 20-21, 2026

RECONGRESS 2027 - Anaheim, CA

April 22-25, 2027

Save the dates!

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Called to Greatness

JULY

Formation for Teens 10th-12th grade

Called to Greatness will root teens more deeply in their own discipleship of Jesus and will equip them to be the protagonists in living out this evangelizing mission and walking with others on their faith journey.

JULY 25TH & 26TH, 2026

St. Joseph Salesian Youth Renewal Center
8301 Arroyo Dr.
Rosemead, CA 91770

Cost: \$90.00 per person

NO OVERNIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Adults welcome to attend with a group of teens.
Morning hospitality and lunch provided.

Register Here

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<https://archla.org/49k>



Registration closes Friday, July 17th

For more information you may contact: Jeremy Brosmer at (213) 637-7073
or e-mail youthministry@la-archdiocese.org



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NOV. 20-21, 2026 | LONG BEACH, CA**

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones.

NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Ministry Division will be coordinating a delegation to participate in NCYC 2026 in Long Beach.

See next page for more information about the packages and scholarships available through the delegation.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT NCYC

- FELLOWSHIP
- INSPIRING SPEAKERS
- MASS AND ADORATION
- MUSIC & WORSHIP
- INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS



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SUMMER BIBLE 2026

The theme for this year's Summer Bible Week '26 is "The Spirit of the Lord Upon Me" taken from Luke 4:18-19 in which Jesus announces himself as fulfillment of the promise of true freedom offered to us by a life lived according to God. Please join us for this weeklong retreat in which we reflect on the Word of God and how we may live a life inspired by Spirit.

Online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 969 4430 5081

Passcode: 120645

Visit our website for weeklong schedule and more information archla.org/summerbible

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information, contact Barbara Murphy

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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

Online Evening Talks

July 13-16, 2026 7pm-8:30pm

Online Day Retreat

July 18, 2026 9am - 3:30 pm



Donations Welcomed





CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE RESOURCES

Connecting Scripture and Life

Hosted by Barbara Murphy
Office of Religious Education - Archdiocese of Los Angeles

CBI Podcast Connecting Scripture & Life

Connecting Scripture and Life podcast explores the way God speaks in different times and places with the same wisdom that lead to a happy life. Scripture teaches us how to live. Through conversations with people who love, teach, and live it we will explore our own lives in the pages of the sacred.

Catholic Bible Institute
& Office of Divine Worship

Go and Make Disciples: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Hosted by Barbara Murphy & Fr. Juan Ochoa

Catholic Bible Institute

From Sinai



to Bethlehem

Hosted by Barbara Murphy & Rabbi Jason Fruithandler

Catch Up with all our episodes



archla.org/cbipodcast

CHANGING SEASONS



Scripture Readings of the Liturgical Year

For priests, deacons, deacons in formation, religious women in formation, lectors, liturgical ministers, PCLs, RCIA and anyone who wishes to enter more deeply into the Scriptural rhythm of the liturgical year.

Perfect for Lectionary Based Bible Faith Sharing!

Visit our website <https://lacatholics.org/cbi-changing-seasons/>

BIBLE TALK SERIES

A SERIES OF TALKS PRESENTED BY THEOLOGIANs. TOPICS INCLUDE THE PROPHET JEREMIAH, PSALMS OF LAMENT AND SOCIAL TEACHINGS.

VIEW ALL OF OUR TALKS ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://LACATHOLICS.ORG/CBI-BIBLE-TALKS/](https://lacatholics.org/cbi-bible-talks/)

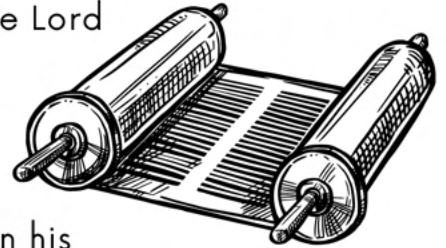


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BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT YEAR 2026 - 2027

The Bible is a marvelous world of story, poetry, history, morals, ethics, war, peace, betrayal and extraordinary heroism that has influenced the world for thousands of years and continues to guide billions who strive to live as the Lord intended.



The Old Testament tells the story of our human condition in relationship to God and prepares us for the coming of the savior, Jesus. It is his story. These are the books Jesus knew in his life on earth, and they are here for us to open and find him, and ourselves, on every page. The Gospels and Letters in our New Testament come to life through the Old Testament. Please join us for this remarkable journey of faith.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Begin your certification with the Bible Study Leadership Old Testament. Orientation is August 29, 2026, where you will learn the requirements of the process. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/cbi-certification/

ENRICHMENT TRACK

Available for those who wish to join and enrich their faith through scripture. There are no requirements for those registered for Enrichment. You are free to attend the sessions or view the videos after the classes are complete.

RECERTIFICATION

Recertification enrollment is reserved for those who have successfully completed all the requirements for Certification and have been commissioned by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Register online!

Visit our website online at lacatholics.org/year-one-old-testament/ for more information on requirements.

Registration opens July 1, 2026

Registration will be made easy online at our ADLA store at archla.org/adlaorestore

For more information, please contact Barbara Murphy at bmurphy@la-archdiocese.org





CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE

BIBLE STUDY LEADERSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT 2026-2027

DATES AND TOPICS

All sessions are online via Zoom

- AUG 29, 2026** **Orientation:** Requirements, Zoom, C3Lead, Group Discussions, Bible Basics, Catholic Principles of Biblical Interpretation – BSL Team
- Introduction to the Old Testament:** Context of Empire, Significant Dates – Dr. Daniel Smith Christopher, Loyola Marymount University
- AUG 31, 2026** **Reflection Writing Workshop:** Sr. Mary Frances Wahl
- SEP 19, 2026** **Pentateuch I:** Genesis, Exodus – Israel McGrew, Augustine Institute
- OCT 17, 2026** **Pentateuch II:** Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy – Michael Barber, Augustine Institute
- NOV 7, 2026** **Early Histories:** Joshua, Judges, Ruth – Jamie Waters, Boston College
- DEC 5, 2026** **Age of the Kings:** 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings – Andrew Davies, Boston College
- JAN 16, 2027** **Twelve Prophets:** Daniel Smith Christopher, Loyola Marymount University
- FEB 13, 2027** **Into Exile:** 1st Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations – Anthea Portier-Young, Duke Divinity School
- MAR 13, 2027** **Return and Rebuilding:** 2nd and 3rd Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 & 2 Chronicles – Angela Harkins, Boston College
- APR 17, 2027** **Second Temple and Apocalyptic Tradition:** Daniel, Esther, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, Baruch – Fr. Francis Macatangay, University of St. Thomas, Houston
- MAY 15, 2027** **Wisdom:** Job, Proverbs, Song of Songs, Book of Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus/ Ben Sira – Mark Giszczak, St. Paul's Seminary
- JUN 12, 2027** **Psalms :** Dan Keating, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Please purchase a Catholic Study Bible and A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament by John Bergsma and Brand Pitre. Published by Ignatius Press.

Sign up for C3 Lead at c3.leadlms.com/login

For more information, visit our website at lacatholics.org/cbi-leadership-overview/



INSTITUTO BÍBLICO ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE LOS ÁNGELES

El Instituto bíblico católico es un ministerio que, por medio de sus programas de formación bíblica, busca cumplir la misión de la Iglesia de ofrecer a todos los creyentes un amplio acceso a la Sagrada Escritura (Dei Verbum 22). A continuación ofrecemos una descripción breve de nuestros programas e iniciativas. Todos nuestros programas son en su mayoría en modo presencial con opción a participación virtual o híbrida. Todos nuestros cursos inician en el mes de septiembre.

El programa básico: Son 28 sesiones semanales de dos horas (7pm-9pm). Es una iniciación a la Biblia a la que toda persona mayor de 18 años tiene acceso. Se ofrece en parroquias con autorización del párroco y es facilitado por el generoso servicio de equipos de animadores bíblicos certificados.

El programa Intermedio: Es un año de sesiones de un día al mes o tres jueves en el modo virtual. En este curso se profundiza el estudio de la Sagrada Escritura. Únicamente para quienes hayan terminado el curso básico.

El programa avanzado: Es un programa de dos años en colaboración con Loyola Marymount University. Tiene un enfoque teológico y pastoral del estudio de la Biblia ofrecido por profesores académicamente calificados. Únicamente para quienes han terminado los cursos intermedios y está abierto a sacerdotes y diáconos.

Otras iniciativas abiertas a todo el pueblo de Dios:

Palabra de Dios y Liturgia: es un ofrecimiento gratuito para todo el público para que puedan integrar la espiritualidad del año litúrgico en su vida espiritual personal, familiar y de vida litúrgica en la comunidad parroquial. Se ofrece en modo virtual.

Curso para servidores discípulos misioneros: Es un programa nuevo de nivel básico abierto a todo el público, especialmente a los servidores en los ministerios parroquiales. 28 sesiones de temas sobre la persona de Jesús, la misión y el discipulado. En modo virtual, los días martes de 7pm a 9pm

Semana Bíblica y justicia social: Es un evento de una semana que ilumina en modo catequético y espiritual la vida del trabajo, la familia y la comunidad, culminando con un retiro: Junio 22-27, 2026.

Tema especializado: *Discípulos en camino sinodal formando comunidades de esperanza.* Cada año el Instituto procura ofrecer algún tema especializado de formación bíblica. En este año se ofrecen dos días de formación con el profesor emérito de la Universidad de Salamanca, profesor Xabier Pikaza Ibarrondo. Se ofrecerá en modo virtual los días 22 y 29 de agosto, 2026. Inscripción única de 50 dls por ambos días (7am-12:30pm).

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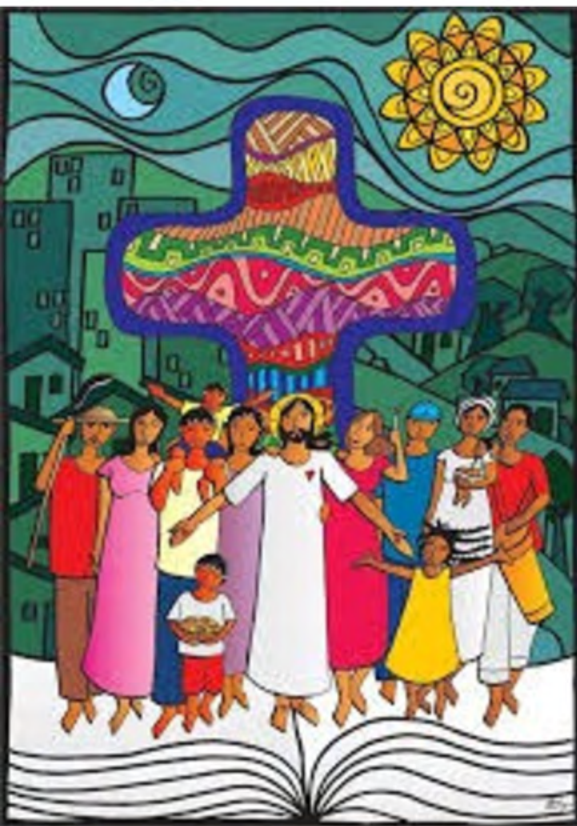
Dr. Xabier Pikaza, teólogo, filósofo y bibliista español.



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INSTITUTO BÍBLICO
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Palabra de Dios fuente de vida nueva

Dos conferencias magistrales tocando temas esenciales para conocer y comprender el potencial inspirador de la Sagrada Escritura en la gestación de comunidades nuevas en camino sinodal para la transformación personal de los discípulos y discípulas de Jesús en el tiempo actual.

Entre otros subtemas, se tocará: nuevas formas de comunidad, madurez cristiana, y el arte de caminar juntos en amor, justicia y comunión (sinodalidad). Cada día de conferencia estará facilitado, además, por la Dra. Yolanda Chavez, guiando en el arte de discernimiento y apropiación de los temas en la dimensión personal, comunitaria y ministerial.

Presentador: Dr. Xabier Pikaza

Sábados 22 y 29 de agosto de 2026

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM virtual por Zoom

en vivo por



Dr. Xabier Pikaza Ibarrodo

Teólogo, filósofo, biblista y español. Doctor en Teología y Filosofía, ex catedrático de la Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, autor y conferencista internacional dedicado a la investigación y reflexión sobre la fe en diálogo con la cultura contemporánea.



Dra. Yolanda Chávez

Obtuvo el Doctorado en Ministerio (D.Min.) en Fuller Theological Seminary. Ha sido profesora de Teología Bíblica y Ministerio en Contexto, formadora de líderes pastorales y conferencista en diversos espacios eclesiales y académicos.



Inscríbete hoy mismo

Costo: \$50 (incluye ambos días)

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O UNA VEZ POR MES-8 HORAS

PARTICIPACION:

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DONACION:

\$70 DOLARES POR TODO EL CURSO
(28 SESIONES)
INCLUYE MATERIALES EN FORMATO DIGITAL.

CURSO BASICO:

Es un proceso de formación y acompañamiento. Consta de 14 temas o sesiones para el Antiguo Testamento y 14 temas para el Nuevo Testamento. Sigue el modelo de INICIACION el estudio de la Palabra de Dios mediante encuentro de aprendizaje, oración, reflexión, actualización a nuestra vida y ejercicios básico de comprensión o tareas. Los temas son facilitados por animadores bíblicos certificados.

INSTITUTO BIBLICO:

La misión del Instituto es coordinar y promover el ministerio de la formación bíblica mediante programas básicos, intermedios, avanzados y especializados para hacer de la Palabra de Dios un "vigor y sustento de la vida y la misión de la Iglesia. Animando comunidades, suscitando nuevos discípulos y certificando animadores bíblicos cualificados en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.



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need catechist formation?

A Catechist is a Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others in the Christian life.

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Catechist Formation Programs

Catechist Certification

One Mission One Faith: A basic catholic teaching and ministry formation process founded under the pillars of missionary discipleship and accompaniment. This is Phase I of III for Catechist Certification, and it is also offered as ongoing formation for anyone who serves in the life of the Church.

Vision and Skills for Faith Formation: A catechists and ministry leaders training on knowledge and skills to revive their faith formation processes. VSFF continues the accompaniment, discipleship, catechumenate, and adults at the center models from OMOF and the Directory for Catechesis. This is Phase II of III for catechist certification.

Practicum Phase: After taking both OMOF and VSFF catechist will have the opportunity to observe 2 certified catechists and be evaluated by one approved catechist to complete the certification process.

Advanced Ministry Studies

For those who would like to form themselves under the pillars of theological foundation, evangelizing catechesis, pastoral ministry applications, pedagogy and methodology and the Art of Accompaniment.

This program will provide participants with the opportunity to be formed to exercise different roles at parish or archdiocesan level. Upon completion of classes and process of discernment, ministers will be commissioned and certified with one of the following certifications in collaboration with the California Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

1. Advanced Ministry Studies Certificate
2. California Master Catechist Certificate

Classes can also be taken independently or all together as part of ongoing formation. For more information, please contact us.



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"TODA LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA ES RESPONSABLE DEL MINISTERIO DE LA CATEQUESIS..."

¿Buscas formación para catequistas?

La persona catequista ha recibido un llamado particular de Dios para servir en la transmisión de la fe. La persona catequista es "testigo de la fe y custodio de la memoria de Dios; al experimentar la bondad y la verdad del Evangelio... la persona catequista guarda, nutre y da testimonio de la nueva vida" que ha encontrado en Jesús.

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Certificación de catequista



Una Misión Una Fe: Un proceso básico de enseñanza católica y formación ministerial fundado bajo los pilares del discipulado misionero y el acompañamiento. Esta es la primera de tres fases para la Certificación de Catequista, y también se ofrece como formación continua para cualquier persona que sirva en la vida de la Iglesia.



Visión y Habilidades para la Formación en la Fe: Una formación para catequistas y líderes ministeriales sobre conocimientos y habilidades para reavivar sus procesos de formación en la fe. VHFF continua los modelos de acompañamiento y discipulado estimulados en UNA MISIÓN UNA FE y recomendados en el Directorio. Esta es la segunda fase para la certificación de catequista.

Fase Práctica: Después de tomar ambos UMUF y VHFF el catequista tendrá la oportunidad de observar a 2 catequistas certificados y ser evaluado por un catequista aprobado para completar el proceso de certificación.

Certificación para el Liderazgo Ministerial

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa ofrecerá un programa integral de tres años de formación, capacitando a los participantes para un liderazgo ministerial animado en la persona de Jesús Palabra, Maestro y Pastor.

Más información sobre nuestro nuevo programa en la página de web: <https://lacatholics.org/maestro-donde-vives/>

MAESTRO, ¿DÓNDE VIVES?



Conéctese con nosotros!



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"It is from an early age that the child must be helped to perceive and develop the sense of God and the natural intuition of his existence." DC #236



DEVELOPMENT

We are here to help address the specific goals and needs of the elementary level catechetical community.

We provide support and resources to Parish Catechetical Leaders, training and enrichment to catechists, as well as individual parish consultation.

WORKSHOPS

Lively, participative, and filled with practical ideas for the elementary catechetical setting, our workshops are excellent resources for training.

Regional teams formed by Master Catechists and experienced facilitators would lead workshops, retreats, and in-services to help train catechists and their aides who work with elementary-level children.

IN-SERVICES & RETREATS

In addition to the annual Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim, various in-services are held throughout the year that provide further opportunities for catechist formation.

- Catechists' retreats
- ABC's for Beginning of the Year
- Publisher-Sponsored Workshops
- Regional Congresses
- Seasonal Workshops for Advent and Lent

RESOURCES

From textbooks to guidelines, to new catechetical paradigms, we are here to answer your questions.

We will provide you with current, real-life examples and contacts, where available, on our recommendations.

SUPPORT

Here are a few ways that we are here to support and encourage you in your ministry:

- Elementary Resource Library
- Consultations
- Guidance for resources
- Call to Ministry and Spirituality of the Catechist
- Stages of Development & Learning Styles
- Including Family in Your Ministry
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Catechetical Methodology
- Behavior Management
- Children's Spirituality & Prayer
- Encouragement and support!

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SAN GABRIEL
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