

Application Form

Name.....

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Please return this application form with €50 deposit fee to confirm your application before July 31, along with the name and address of your sponsoring Parish Priest.

Enclose the one page reflection on why you want to register for the course.

Send to:
Pastoral Scripture Programme
Dominican Biblical Institute
Cecil Street Upper
Limerick.

The Dominican Biblical Institute
was initiated in the year 2000
and opened its building in 2006.

It seeks in conjunction with others:
-to push the frontiers of biblical
research to new levels

-to synthesize biblical research with
other disciplines, especially literature
and science, thus forming a single
multi-faceted story in which all human
beings could find a home

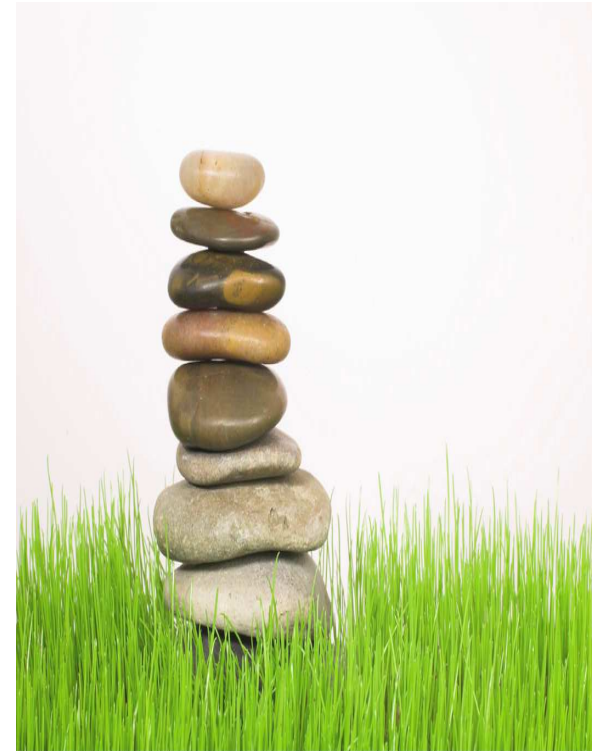
-to bring fresh life to applying the Bible
to daily life (“lectio divina”).

The ultimate focus of the DBI is pastoral,
engaged with surrounding communities.

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PASTORAL SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME



**DOMINICAN BIBLICAL INSTITUTE
CECIL STREET UPPER
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Dominican Biblical Institute (DBI) Pastoral Scripture Programme

“Easy access to Sacred Scripture should be provided for all the Christian faithful... As many ministers of the divine word as possible will be able effectively to provide the nourishment of the Scriptures for the people of God, to enlighten their minds, strengthen their wills, and set their hearts on fire with the love of God.”

—Vatican II: On Revelation 22, 23.

Our objective is to help meet the urgent need of bringing the word of God to a rapidly changing church and society in contemporary Ireland. We will provide biblical formation—by nurturing faith, knowledge and confidence—for a group of people who will be competent to work with scripture in diverse pastoral, catechetical and liturgical settings.

The programme will enable participants to deepen their own understanding of and love for the scriptures, and will give them the knowledge and the practical skills to work with scripture.

Participants will be expected to put what they learn in the course at the service of others in an active ministry of the word.

The ministries envisioned include leading groups in prayerful reading and meditation on the scriptures, short courses on the liturgical readings for Advent and Lent, talks for parents preparing for the baptism of their children, their first Communion and Confirmation, conducting liturgies of the Word and Communion Services.

Programme duration: three years, to be followed by occasional updating.

Dates: One full Saturday per month, September to May: 10.00–4.15pm and one evening (2-hour session) per month.

Place: For Saturday sessions: Dominican Biblical Institute, Upper Cecil St, Limerick.

Admission Requirements

- A completed application form and a deposit fee of €50
- A meeting with course facilitators at a convenient time to discuss goals and expectations
- A one page reflection on why you want to register for the course
- Total yearly cost: €650

Method: Sessions include:

- (a) Presentations by qualified lecturers, regarding both content and method of study.
- (b) Communal reading of scriptures.
- (c) Access to library.

Assignments (monthly)

Reading: reading scripture itself, and studies/commentaries by biblical scholars.

Team: Jessie Rogers, Wilfrid Harrington, Tom Brodie, Brendan Clifford. Others will be provided or recruited as necessary by the DBI

Programme Content

Year I: Introduction to the Books & Theology of the Old Testament

Year II: Introduction to the Books & Theology of the New Testament

Year III: Practical Training