Catholic Bible Institute – Diocese of Orange – Nov. 7, 2015

led by Fr. Felix Just, SJ & CBI-Orange Leadership Team

8:00	Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel (optional)
8:30	Set-up & Refreshments
8:45	Opening Prayer (Ignatius Group)
9:00	Overview of the Lectionary for Mass
10:15	Break
10:30	Listening Skills / 10 Principles of Listening / Barriers to Effective Listening
	Resources for Bible Study & Scripture Sharing
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Discussion of Textbook Readings (Mestre, chaps. 1 & 2; Regan, chaps. 3 & 4)
1:20	3 rd Sample Lectio Divina Group (led by student 3): Heb 7:23-28
	Table-group Scripture Sharing, using Lectio Divina process (40 min)
	Table-group Evaluation & Discussion (15 min)
2:15	Break
2:30	4th Sample Lectio Divina Group (led by student 4): Heb 9:24-28
	Table-group Scripture Sharing, using Lectio Divina process (40 min)
	Table-group Evaluation & Discussion (10 min)
3:20	Regather for Large-group Evaluation & Discussion
3:50	Announcements & Closing Prayer (Agatha Group)
4:00	Departure

Review of Lectio Divina Steps:

- 1. **Reading** (*lectio*) hearing God's Word in the Bible as I/we read it aloud
 - o What does the biblical text itself say? What did the ancient author mean?
- 2. **Meditation** (*meditatio*) reflecting on the meaning of the text that I/we have read
 - What is God saying to me/us today through this biblical text?
- 3. **Prayer** (*oratio*) speaking with God in praise, thanksgiving, contrition, and petition
 - What do I/we say to God or ask of God in response to this text?
- 4. **Contemplatio** (*contemplatio*) listening to God more quietly in the silence of our hearts
 - o How does this text make me/us feel in my/our relationship with God?
- 5. **Action** (actio) letting the encounter concretely affect our daily life and work in the world
 - How will I/we change what I/we do today in response to hearing this text?

CAN YOU FIND 20 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS PARAGRAPH?



Someone showed me this story and remarked that there are twenty books of the Bible hidden here. He challenged me to find them. Sure enough, they're all here. Still this thing is a lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the longest time. Some of you will get bogged down with the facts; others are hit by them like they were some kind of revelation. You may get in a jam, especially since the names are not capitalized and often leap the spaces between the words. This makes it a real job to find them, but it'll provide a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there are some really easy ones to spot, but don't get a big head 'cause truthfully you'll soon figure that it would take most federal judges and preachers numbers of hours to find them all. I will admit that it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and that it is not uncommon for there to be loud lamentations when it is pointed out. One lady says that when she is confronted with puzzles like this, she brews a cup of tea to help her concentrate better. But then this gal is a real pro! Verbs, nouns, and all that stuff are her thing. See how well you can compete. Relax! There really are twenty names of Bible books in this story. If you fail to find them, there's a penalty. You'll have to go fly a kite, sit on a banana, hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic, or hose a dog (a mean one).

Now Get To It!!!

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Submitted by Ignatius Group

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (18:15-20)

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

The Gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Responsorial: Proverbs 15:1-6

All: A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Women: The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge, but the mouths of the fools pour out folly.

Men: The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

All: A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Women: A fool despises his father's instruction, but one who heeds admonition is prudent.

Men: In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked.

Intercessions:

For those in the service of church or country overseas, that they may return home safety.

We pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, attend to our supplication.*

For those experiencing religious persecution, that they might be able to find refuge and peace.

We pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, attend to our supplication.*

For those who are alienated from family members, that they may put aside their differences and be reconciled.

We pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, attend to our supplication.*

For those who are sick and/or dying, that they may offer their suffering for the salvation of souls.

We pray to the Lord. ALL: Lord, attend to our supplication.

For those who have left this earthly world, that they might soon enjoy your heavenly kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. *ALL: Lord, attend to our supplication.*

Concluding Prayer: (ALL)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Your wounds, hide me.

Separated from You, let me never be.

From the malignant enemy, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me.

And bid me come to You,

That I may praise You in the company Of the saints for all eternity. Amen.



LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson



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CATHOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE – November 7, 2015 – Closing Prayer

Submitted by Agatha Group

Opening Song: "Blest Are They" by David Haas (stanzas 1 & 2)

Scripture Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:41-44)

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Intercessory Prayer

Leader: Our response will be "Lord, hear our Prayer."

For those deprived of their human needs and their human rights:

that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all people. We pray to the Lord. (Response)

For all who are forgotten or thrown away, and especially for the poor, the sick and the aged:

that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ.

We pray to the Lord. (Response)

For all who are lonely or afraid, for teenagers on the street, old people in nursing homes, prisoners with no one to visit them, and all whom the world has forgotten:

that Christ might lead us to them. We pray to the Lord. (*Response*)

For all who are forgotten or cast off:

that we might value each human life as a priceless gift from God. We pray to the Lord. (Response)

For those who are mentally disabled:

that we might cherish the gifts God has given them, and in their lives hear the voice of our loving God.

We pray to the Lord. (Response)

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Let us all pray together:

ALL: Gracious God, give us generous hearts:

to share whatever gift it is that you have given to us;

to acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts;

to give without counting the cost;

to share without expecting something in return;

to be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others;

to hold all of our treasures and values with open hands;

to have gospel priorities and to align our life, love and time in their light;

to be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving;

to recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day;

to know the freedom that comes with true generosity;

to accept our talents, whether many or few,

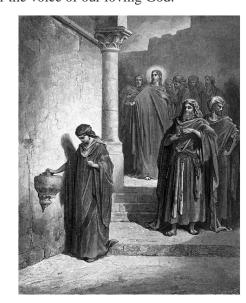
and to use them in service of others;

to grow in giving thanks for everything;

to be happy with having what we need and wise enough to know what it is that we want and do not need;

to fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough

to give away freely whatever is asked. Amen.



Closing Song: "Blest Are They" by David Haas (stanza 3)





This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.