

Report of the Fifty-Fifth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The fifty-fifth meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 15-18, 1992, at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 15. Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., vice president of the association, introduced the president of the Catholic University of America, Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., who welcomed the members of the association. The president of the association, Richard J. Clifford, S.J., then delivered the presidential address, "The Unity of the Book of Isaiah and the Creation of Zion."

Sessions on Sunday, August 16

Ten task forces and six continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament" (co-conveners: Richard J. Clifford, S.J., and John J. Collins; core group members in attendance: Bernard F. Batto; Joan E. Cook, S.C.; James L. Crenshaw; Robert A. Di Vito; Sharon Pace Jeanson; Michael F. Kolarcik, S.J.; Frederick J. Murphy; David Penchansky; William M. Soll; Thomas H. Tobin, S.J.; Gale A. Yee); "Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History" (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: John C. Endres, S.J.; William R. Millar; Rick R. Marrs; Margaret M. Gelinas); "The Wisdom Tradition in the Old and New Testaments" (convener: Betty Jane Lillie, S.C.; core group members in attendance: Hugh

M. Humphrey; Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.; James P. McIlhorne; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Robert Schoenstene); "Old Testament and Ecology" (convener: Lawrence E. Frizzell; core group members in attendance: Donald B. Sharp, S.J.; Ronald A. Simkins; Richard J. Sklba; Charles H. Talbert); "Narrative Study of the New Testament" (co-conveners: Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., and Frank J. Matera; core group members in attendance: John R. Donahue, S.J.; Richard A. Edwards; James A. Fischer, C.M.; Dennis Hamm, S.J.; John P. Heil; J. Warren Holleran; William S. Kurz, S.J.; R. Francis Martin; Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M.; Augustine R. Stock, O.S.B.; Carolyn Thomas, S.C.N.); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: William R. Herzog; Carl R. Kazmierski; Stuart L. Love; Frederick J. Murphy; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik); "Synoptic Gospels" (co-conveners: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; Timothy R. Carmody; Marcel Dumais, O.M.I.; Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J.; Brigid Curtin Frein; Elliot C. Maloney, O.S.B.; J. Ramsey Michaels; Robert L. Mowery; Enrique Nardoni; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Otto Reimherr; Gregory E. Sterling); "Paul As Exegete" (convener: Carol Kern Stockhausen; core group members in attendance: Normand R. Bonneau; Randall D. Cheshnut; Frederick W. Danker; Paul E. Dinter; Mary Ann Getty; John G. Lodge; Mark Sheridan, O.S.B.; Ronald L. Tyler); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Kathleen M. O'Connor and Damian L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Stephenson H. Brooks; J. Cheryl Exum; Mark C. Kiley; Alice L. Laffey; Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Eileen Schuller, O.S.U.); "Biblical Perspectives on the Socio-political Dimensions of Suffering" (co-conveners: Richard J. Cassidy and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Robert J. Daly, S.J.; Patricia McDonald, S.H.C.J.; Susan F. Mathews; David P. Reid, SS.CC.; Marilyn McNamara Schaub; David Whitten Smith; Dennis M. Sweetland).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: "Teaching an Introductory Course in Old Testament: Texts and Tactics—The Book of Exodus" (Don C. Benjamin); "The Poetry and Structure of Isaiah 30–33" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Christian-Jewish Relations: Exile" (David P. Efroymsen and Richard C. Lux); "Isaiah 24–27" (Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.); "Biblical Commentary: A Special Kind of Truth" (William G. Thompson, S.J., and Sean E. McEvenue); "Readers and Reading of the Bible (New Testament)" (Fernando F. Segovia).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., "The Meaning of Wisdom in Ben Sira," and Charles H. Giblin, S.J., "Literary Coherence and 'Recapitulation' in Revelation 4–22."

Richard J. Clifford, S.J., president of the association, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Neil J. McEleney, C.S.P., "The Unity and Theme of Matt 7:1–12"; Gale A. Yee, "The Author/Text/Reader and Power: Suggestions for a Critical Framework

for Biblical Studies"; Marie-Eloise Rosenblatt, R.S.M., "Death-Threats and Confrontation: Luke's Biography of Paul the Missionary"; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "Paul and Judaism: What Have we Learned?"; Dale Launderville, O.S.B., "The Function of the Royal Myths of the Ancient Near East to Check and Balance Royal Power"; Paul J. Achtemeier, "Suffering Servant and Suffering Christ in 1 Peter"; Robert L. Mowery, "The Son of God and the Son of the Father in the Gospel of Matthew"; Patrick J. Hartin, "Third World Possibilities in the Teaching of Biblical Studies"; Francis D. Connolly-Weinert, "Pilgrimage as Paradigm and the Genre of Luke-Acts: First Approximations"; William S. Kurz, S.J., "'2 Corinthians': Implied Readers and Canonical Implications"; Antony F. Campbell, S.J., "The Rendtorff Revolution: Milestone or Mirage?"; Judith E. Sanderson, "The Paleo-Hebrew Scrolls from Qumran Cave 4"; Timothy P. Schehr, "The Power of Language: Gen 11:1-7"; Thomas R. Brummel, C.M.F., "Interpreting Matt 5:39 (Turn the Other Cheek)"; Timothy R. Carmody, "The New Family in Mark: The Divorce Text in Context"; F. Scott Spencer, "Neglected Widows in Community and Interpretation: A Fresh Look at Acts 6:1-7"; J. Ramsey Michaels, "Everything That Rises Must Converge: Another Look at 1 Thess 4:15"; Kathleen S. Nash, S.S.N.D., "Who Rules in Israel? The Construction of Gender in 1 Kings 20-22"; John T. Willis, "Perspectives on Imprecations in the Psalms"; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., "The Footwashings in John 13: Rituals or Ceremonies?"; Paul Brooks Duff, "There is Hope for a [Fig] Tree: A Reassessment of Mark 13:28"; William Klassen, "The Enigma of Judas Iscariot, with Special Emphasis on Catholic Scholarship"; William G. Most, "Romans 1:17: A Philological Approach"; Christopher T. Begg, "Josephus' Version of the Campaign of the Three Kings (2 Kings 3)"; Martin Kessler, "Old Testament Exegesis in Amsterdam." The evening general session featured a paper by William L. Moran, "The Babylonian *Job*."

Sessions on Monday, August 17

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by James W. Flanagan, "Archaeology and Bible: Constructs for Creating a Past"; and Frank J. Matera, "Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-19:46): A Narrative Reading."

William Millar was president at the midday Service of the Word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on "Recent Research in the Dead Sea Scrolls." The moderator was Anthony J. Saldarini, and the panelists were Eugene C. Ulrich, James C. VanderKam, and Eileen M. Schuller, O.S.U.

CBA president Richard J. Clifford, S.J., called the annual business meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. Msgr. Myles Bourke gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., then presented the treasurer's report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present. Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. He began by thanking those who had contributed to the success of this year's meeting, in particular the local arrangements committee. He then announced the grants that had been approved or reaffirmed by the Executive

Board: (a) \$10,000 plus travel expenses for the Visiting Professorship at the Pontifical Biblical Institute; (b) \$30,000 for the continuation of the Memorial Stipends program; (c) \$20,000 for the continuation of the Young Scholars' Fellowship program; (d) \$6,000 for continuation of the archaeological research stipends program; (e) \$5,000 for the *Elenchus of Biblica*; (f) \$2,000 for the translation project of the *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum*; (g) \$2,597 (a tithing of membership dues) for famine relief; (h) \$3,500 for the expenses of inspecting the dig at Tell Qarqur and assessing the materials thus far uncovered, plus an additional \$15,000 for continuing the excavations, contingent upon a satisfactory report on the inspection; (i) the \$10,000 budgeted for the dig at Tell Nimrin last year was not used; it was reappropriated, along with \$5,000 more for this season; (j) \$10,000 for the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation. The goals of this newly established agency include: restoring and preserving the scrolls; accelerating their publication by funding preparation of editions; building up an endowment to finance future research associated with the scrolls. The Executive Board also voted to continue to supply the *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association who live in the U.S.A., because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk; the executive secretary will continue to investigate the possibility of supplying it to our Canadian members as well. The Board elected Emil Wcela to the Board of Trustees, John Meier to the Committee on Memorial Stipends and Young Scholars' Fellowships, and Richard Sklba to the Archaeology Committee. Jensen reminded the members that the 1993 meeting will be held at Mount Community Center in Atchison, Kansas, from August 14-17. The 1994 meeting will be at the University of San Diego; the dates will be August 13-16. Jensen urged members to solicit invitations for future meetings from their academic institutions.

Jensen announced that the revised psalter of the *NAB* received the *imprimatur* in September, 1991. In November, 1991, it was approved for liturgical use, and in June, 1992, for use in the new lectionary. It is available both from the CBA and from commercial publishers; only the edition from the CBA contains the textual notes, however. The *CBQ* supplement containing an updated membership list is currently in press. The fifth decennial index of the *CBQ* is ready to go to press. Finally, Jensen reminded the members of the placement service that the executive office offers. Please keep the office up to date on personnel needs, whether personal or institutional.

John S. Kselman, S.S., gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. In 1992, approximately 23 articles will have been published, covering 396 pages. Since last year, 84 MSS were received, of which 15 have been accepted, 38 were rejected, and 31 are still under consideration. Since his term as editor will expire this year, Kselman announced that the editorial board had elected Aelred Cody, O.S.B., as the new general editor. The membership thanked Kselman for his work as editor.

Thomas McCreesh, O.P., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. The number of abstracts per issue has risen from approximately 330 in 1991 to 400 in 1992, and the number of books abstracted has risen from approximately 60 books per issue to 100. *Festschriften* are no longer simply listed; as of June, their relevant articles are abstracted as well. The total number of abstracters is now around 75. Almost all periodicals received are now received on an exchange basis. Since his term as editor will expire this year, the membership thanked McCreesh for his work as editor.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. During the past year, six MSS were received, of which one has been accepted and is currently in press (CBQMS 24), one is still under consideration, two were rejected, and two were returned because they were unrevised doctoral dissertations. With CBQMS 24, the series will have a new format.

The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been available to the members throughout the meeting. One name was added that had been inadvertently left out. In the name of the committee on credentials, Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., recommended the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

Ann Marie B. Bahr; Scott Brodeur, S.J.; Terrance D. Callan; Philip A. Cunningham; John A. Darr; David A. Diewert; Jennifer A. Glancy; Dennis T. Glasgow, S.J.; David J. Graham; M. Patrick Graham; C. Robert Harrison, Jr.; Delbert R. Hillers; David A. Hubbard; Clayton N. Jefford; Ann Johnston, R.S.C.J.; Veronica Koperski, S.F.C.C.; David W. Kuck; David T. Landry; Dale R. Larder; Stuart Lasine; Timothy Lenchak, S.V.D.; Theodore J. Lewis; William R. G. Loader; Jack R. Lundbom; Edward J. McMahon II; Linda M. Maloney; Leonard Maluf; Lynn L. Martin; Craig E. Morrison, O.Carm.; John H. C. Neeb; William B. Nelson, Jr.; Dietmar Neufeld; Gerard J. Norton, O.P.; Kieran O'Mahony, O.S.A.; Barbara E. Organ; Stephen B. Pattee; Corrine L. Patton; J. David Pleins; Phillip J. Rask; Martin Rese; William Riley; Walter B. Russell III; Timothy Scott, C.S.B.; Evelyn R. Thibeaux; Michael Trainor; Harold C. Washington; Timothy M. Willis.

For Associate Membership:

Richard S. Ascough; Dean P. Bechard; Mary C. Berglund; Edward R. Bolen; Walter C. Bouzard, Jr.; T. William Boxx; M. John Braganca; William L. Burton, O.F.M.; Susan M. Calef; Charles L. Christen; Ardy Evenson; Jeffrey A. Gibbs; Christoph Heil; Jacqueline R. Isaac; James B. McGill; Patrick J. Madden; Gary J. Malin; Hilary B. P. Mijoga; Robert D. Miller II; Jane Anderson Morse; Judith H. Newman; Thomas J. Oehmler; Alexander Palm, O.S.B.; Xuan Huong Thi Pham; Joan Pilat; Brian Schmisek; Daniel J. Scholz; Nancy A. Shinabargar; Vincent Skemp; Kenneth G. Stenstrup; Thomas W. Walker; Monica L. Walsh; Laura A. Weber; Joseph S. Williams.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

George T. Montague, S.M., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Robert J. Karris, O.F.M.; *Vice President:* John R. Donahue, S.J.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Consultors, 1992-94:* Gale A. Yee and John Paul Heil; *Editor of OTA:* Christopher T. Begg; *Associate Editors of CBQ:* William L. Holladay; Elizabeth Struthers Malbon; Thomas H. Tobin, S.J.; Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; John C. Endres, S.J.; Frederick J. Murphy; Harry P. Nasuti; and Carol Kern Stockhausen; *Committee on Nominations, 1992-96:* Irene Nowell, O.S.B. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the officials of the Catholic University of America, the committees on local arrangements and on the program, and all the participants in this year's program for their respective contributions in making this meeting of the association successful. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, there was discussion of the importance of the association becoming cognizant of current developments in computerization and electronic publishing and networking. Jensen responded that there is a committee on computers, but that it has not yet made a report. He will pursue the matter for the next meeting. In response to a question about the project of revising the *NAB OT*, Aloysius Fitzgerald said that this remains a desideratum, but that little progress has been made since last year. Bernard Batto, OT book review editor for *CBQ*, invited prospective reviewers to send him their credentials along with their languages of competence (ancient and modern).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard Harold W. Attridge deliver the paper, "On Becoming an Angel."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 18

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: John J. Collins, "The Son of God Text from Qumran," and Joanna Dewey, "The Oral Media World of First-Second Century Christians: Implications for Reconstructing Early Christian History."

John C. Endres, S.J., was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

The following CBA members and invited guests were in attendance at the meeting:

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.
Aletti, Jean-Noel, S.J.	Bobertz, Charles A.
Alexander, Patrick H.	Bockmuehl, Markus
Attridge, Harold W.	Boisclair, Regina A.
Baima, John K.	Bolen, Edward R.
Banazak, Gregory	Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Boudreau, George R., O.P.
Bartelt, Andrew H.	Bourke, Myles M.
Batto, Bernard F.	Bowes, Paula J.
Batto, Teresa	Boxx, T. William
Beck, Astrid B.	Bozak, Barbara A., C.S.J.
Beers, J. Michael	Brenner, Martin L.
Begg, Christopher T.	Bridges, Linda McKinnish
Ben Samuel, Vongore V.	Brodeur, Scott N., S.J.
Benjamin, Don C.	Brown, Margaret H.
Berglund, Mary Catherine	Brown, Susan M.
Binz, Stephen J.	Buckley, Thomas W.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Burnett, Fred W.
Bloxham, Judith S., O.S.B.	Burns, Camilla, S.N.D.

- Burns, Mary
 Campbell, Antony F., S.J.
 Carmody, Timothy R.
 Caron, Gerald G. C., M.Afr.
 Carr, David M.
 Cassidy, Richard J.
 Chesnutt, Randall D.
 Ciuba, Edward J.
 Clabeaux, John J.
 Clark, Michael J., O.M.I.
 Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
 Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
 Collins, John J.
 Connolly-Weinert, Francis D.
 Coogan, Michael D.
 Cook, Joan E., S.C.
 Corgan, Carol H.
 Corgan, Joseph
 Costanzo, Joann
 Costanzo, John, Jr.
 Cotter, David W., O.S.B.
 Cotty, Marion, S.N.D.
 Coughlin, Thomas G., O.M.I.
 Couture, Paul E., S.S.E.
 Craghan, John F.
 Crenshaw, James L.
 Cunningham, Philip A.
 Daly, Robert J., S.J.
 Danker, Frederick W.
 Danter, Albert F.
 Davies, Gordon F.
 Davis, Edward, F.S.C.
 Deakle, David W.
 Dewey, Joanna A.
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Dickel, Geraldine A.
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Dillon, Richard J.
 Dinter, Paul E.
 Di Vito, Nadine
 Di Vito, Robert A.
 Donahue, John R., S.J.
 Duff, Paul B.
 Duffy, Maureen E.
 Duggan, Michael W.
 Dumais, Marcel, O.M.I.
 Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.
 Dungan, David L.
 Dutcher-Walls, Patricia
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Efrogmson, David P.
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Evenson, Ardy L.
 Exum, J. Cheryl
 Falco, Ronald
 Farmer, William R.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Fisher, Eugene J.
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Fournier, Marianne J.
 Freedman, David Noel
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Galligan-Stierle, Michael
 Gelinias, Margaret M.
 Getty, Mary Ann
 Giblin, C. Homer, S.J.
 Gigliotti, Marcus A.
 Gignac, Francis T., S.J.
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Glasgow, Dennis T., S.J.
 Goldstein, Marie J., R.S.H.M.
 Gormley, Joan F., S.S.M.W.
 Gorsuch, Thomas J.
 Graham, M. Patrick
 Griffin, Patrick J., C.M.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Hamilton, Jeffries M.
 Hamm, M. Dennis, S.J.
 Hannan, James
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Hart, Thomas, O.S.B.
 Hartin, Patrick P.
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Heil, Christoph
 Heil, John Paul
 Herzog II, William

- Hillers, Delbert R.
 Holladay, William L.
 Holleran, J. Warren
 Hoppe, Leslie J., O.F.M.
 Howell, Maribeth, O.P.
 Hummer, Lawrence L.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Humphries-Brooks, Stephenson
 Hurst, Thomas R., S.S.
 Jeansonne, Sharon Pace
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Kalita, Thomas M.
 Kaltner, John
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Kazmierski, Carl R.
 Kazmierski, Vincent
 Keating, John R., S.J.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kessler, Joan L.
 Kessler, Martin
 Kiley, Mark C.
 King, Philip J.
 Kinney, James R.
 Kirby, Martin F.
 Klassen, William
 Kodell, Jerome, O.S.B.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kolasny, Judette M.
 Kolenkow, Anitra Bingham
 Koperski, Veronica, F.S.C.C.
 Kselman, John S., S.S.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Laberge, Léo, O.M.I.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Lang, Martin A.
 Launderville, Dale F., O.S.B.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Lenchak, Timothy A., S.V.D.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Lodge, John G.
 Lohr, Judy
 Loughran, Margaret Mary C., S.H.C.J.
 Love, Stuart L.
 Lux, Richard C.
 Madden, Patrick J.
 Mainelli, Helen Kenik
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maluf, Leonard
 Marrs, Rick R.
 Martin, George A.
 Martin, Mary
 Martin, R. Francis
 Mason, Nancy K.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Mathews, Claire R.
 Mathews, Susan F.
 Matthews, Victor H.
 McCarthy, Jean V., O.P.
 McCreesh, Thomas P., O.P.
 McDonald, Patricia M., S.H.C.J.
 McDonald, Rea M., S.S.N.D.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McEvenue, Sean
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 McLinden, Marion D., O.P.
 McNutt, Paula M.
 Meier, John P.
 Michaels, J. Ramsey
 Michaud, Jean Paul, S.M.M.
 Mijoga, Hilary B.
 Millar, William R.
 Miller, Charles H., S.M.
 Miller, Donna
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Montague, George T., S.M.
 Moran, Suzanne D.
 Moran, William L.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Morse, Jane A.
 Most, William G.
 Mowery, Janet
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Moyer, Bobbi
 Moyer, James C.

- Muller, Earl C., S.J.
 Mullin, Thomas M.
 Munro, Winsome
 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nash, Kathleen S., S.S.N.D.
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Naughton, Michael, O.S.B.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Nickle, Keith F.
 Nickle, Marie
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Organ, Barbara E.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 Owens, J. Edward
 Pansini, Francis D., C.M.
 Parr, Charles J.
 Pascuzzi, Maria, C.S.J.
 Patton, Corrine L.
 Peifer, Claude J., O.S.B.
 Penchansky, David
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pilch, John J.
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
 Polich, James C.
 Powell, Mark Allan
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Price, Stephen G.
 Puskas, Charles B.
 Raabe, Paul R.
 Rafferty, Gerard F.
 Rask, Phillip J.
 Reaburn, Mary, N.D.S.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reimherr, Otto
 Reyes Ceja, Luis
 Richard, Earl J.
 Richard, Mary Ann
 Ridgway, John K.
 Romero, Gilbert
 Rosenblatt, Marie-Eloise, R.S.M.
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Rupert, Christopher T., S.J.
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Saldarini, Maureen
 Salocks, Stephen E.
 Salvador, Roberta L., M.M.
 Sanderson, Judith E.
 Schaub, Marilyn McNamara
 Schaub, Thomas R.
 Schehr, Timothy P.
 Schmidt, Frederick W., Jr.
 Schmit, Meryl E.
 Schneiders, Sandra M., I.H.M.
 Schoenstene, Robert L.
 Scholz, Daniel J.
 Schubert, Judith, R.S.M.
 Schuller, Eileen M., O.S.U.
 Scott, Timothy M., C.S.B.
 Scullion, James P., O.F.M.
 Segovia, Fernando F.
 Sharkey, Sarah A., O.P.
 Sharp, Donald B., S.J.
 Sheridan, Mark, O.S.B.
 Sherwood, Stephen K., C.M.F.
 Shiner, Whitney T.
 Sievers, Joseph
 Simkins, Ronald A.
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Soll, Will M.
 Spenser, Scott F.
 Stachow, Mary Ann C., S.B.S.
 Stanley, Jo-Ann M., O.P.
 Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
 Sterling, Gregory E.
 Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
 Stockhausen, Carol Kern
 Stuhlmüller, Carroll, C.P.
 Sullivan, George R.
 Sullivan, John L.
 Sweet, Anne-Marie, O.S.B.
 Sweetland, Dennis M.
 Talbert, Betty W.
 Talbert, Charles H.

Tassone, Salvatore A., S.J.
 Thibeaux, Evelyn R.
 Thomas, M. Carolyn, S.C.N.
 Thompson, William G., S.J.
 Timbie, Janet A.
 Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
 Twomey, Mark J.
 Tyler, Ronald L.
 Ulrich, Eugene
 VanderKam, James C.
 Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
 Viviano, Pauline A.
 Von Herrmann, Jeanette, O.S.B.
 Von Wahlde, Urban C.
 Wahl, Thomas P., O.S.B.

Walsh, Jerome T.
 Wang, Peter E.
 Wcela, Emil A.
 Weber, Kathleen
 Wensing, Michael G.
 Williams, Sam K.
 Willis, John T.
 Willis, Timothy M.
 Wimmer, Donald H.
 Wimmer, Joseph, O.S.A.
 Witherup, Ronald D., S.S.
 Yaghjian, Lucretia B.
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The New Jerome Bible Handbook: An Explanation

Geoffrey Chapman in the United Kingdom and the Liturgical Press in the United States have announced the publication of *The New Jerome Bible Handbook*. It was prepared by British compilers who worked with the three editors of the *NJBC* in cooperation with the authors of individual *NJBC* articles. The *Handbook* is intended as a compendium of basic biblical knowledge for high schools, parish Bible reading classes, or individuals setting out to read the Bible. It would be helpful for secondary school libraries as an assigned research source for class essays and students at that level. It would also serve well on a home bookshelf to answer family questions about the Bible.

From each of the COMMENTARY articles of the *NJBC* the *Handbook* has taken over (and greatly simplified) the introductory material pertinent to the respective book of the Bible. There is also an outline of the book provided, but no commentary on the biblical book is included. Of the GENERAL articles of the *NJBC*, about two-thirds have been abbreviated and simplified to offer some primary background information. Maps, charts, and pictorial aids have been added to make the *Handbook* educationally attractive.

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