

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SESSION I: PARTICIPANT HANDOUT

#### Pre-Assignment for Session I

*Dei Verbum (The Word of God) is a document from Vatican II which updated the Church's vision of the God's Revelation & Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments), God's inviting us to an intimate relationship for our salvation. Jesus is the perfection of this revelation through his words, deeds, miracles and especially through his death and resurrection.*

View the video

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=bishop+barron+dei+verbum&view=detail&mid=04DEA7B77D58DC3D4D6A04DEA7B77D58DC3D4D6A&FORM=VIRE>

*Take a moment to reflect on these aspects of Jesus, the Messiah, life and how they relate to the religion curriculum which you teach  
What is your favorite "Jesus" story; How does it help you inspire your students to live a good Christian life?*

**Chapter I:** *-Father DeLacey describes the "teaching" of the faith or catechesis as a burden as it is a direct call from God. Despite our limitations, the Holy Spirit works through us as spokespersons for God, echoing the word of God to deepen our students' relationship with Jesus Christ. Give a concrete example which demonstrates your understanding of this "catechetical" approach.*

**Chapter II:** *How does Mary assist you in your call as a catechist? What Marian devotions do you "pass on" to your students?*

**Chapter III:** *Father DeLacy notes that Jesus was "intentional" in establishing the Church on earth and cites the Gospel story of Peter's commissioning at Caesarea Philippi. In light of this scripture passage, how would you try to convince a friend who is Protestant that scripture alone is not valid? In other words, why are Tradition and the Magisterium so important?*

**Chapter IV:** *Why is the Catholic Church necessary to receive, interpret, teach, and live the Word of God?*

#### **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR SESSION II:**

Be prepared to comment on the following:

*By definition, a mystery is something "difficult or impossible to understand or explained." In his lecture, Fr. DeLacy reflects upon the Church's understanding of the central mystery of the Catholic Faith, the Holy Trinity. (CCC., 324) Over the centuries, many artists have attempted to explain this mystery through visualization. After reflecting upon and reading about Masaccio's fresco of the Holy Trinity, [Reflecting on the Holy Trinity with the help of Masaccio - Diocese of Austin - Austin, TX \(austindiocese.org\)](http://www.austindiocese.org)*

*- describe an aspect of the picture which helped you to better understand this mystery. --How can sacred art help you to teach a religious concept to your students. Give a concrete example.*