

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

Suggested Interview Questions



**We hope that you find the grouping of these interview questions helpful.
The bold and blue questions provide a short list of key questions to ask.
The sub-questions provide places you can explore if you want to expand the conversation.**

Why did it take over 25 years to develop this Study Bible?

- Please describe the origin of this Study Bible. Whose idea was it and what was the goal?
- What role did you play in the development of the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*?
- What is your hope for the spiritual fruit to come from this Study Bible?
- How do you hope this Bible will deepen people's relationship with God?
- What role do you see this Study Bible playing in the lives of Catholics, both in their homes and in the Church?

Why does the Church need this new Study Bible?

- What are the key differentiators between the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* and other Study Bibles?
- Why is it significant that you included the tradition of Church Fathers and modern scholarship?
How does that benefit the reader?
- What is your hope for what this edition of the Bible can do for the Church and for individual Catholics?
- Why is Scripture relevant in a world that seems to think it is no longer a source of truth?

What makes this Study Bible Catholic?

- You have said that this Study Bible allows you to read the Scriptures from the heart of the Church.
What does this mean? How does Scripture and Tradition merge in this one Study Bible and why is that important?
- How is this Bible a response to Vatican II's call for renewed study of Scripture? Why does the Church need it today?
- How does the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* stand apart from other study Bibles available to Catholics today?

Who is this Study Bible for? A priest or layman? A new Christian just starting their journey with the Bible or an academic who reads all the original languages?

- Some Catholics don't read the Bible because they are overwhelmed by it and don't know where to begin.
How does the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* make reading and understanding the Bible easy?
- Why is this *not* simply an academic resource, but applicable to daily life? Speak to the accessibility of this Bible to the average person.
- Why should every Catholic parish and home have this Study Bible?
- How does the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* help Catholics to understand how the story of their lives is part of God's larger story which is found in the Bible?

What are some of the specific ways people can use the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*?

How can a priest use it?

How can everyday Catholics use it?

How can DREs use it?

How can you use this Bible with other Bibles?

What key features or resources in the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* that will be most helpful for lay Catholics in their spiritual journey? (For example, annotations that pertain to Church's three criteria for interpreting Scripture, CCC references, essays and word studies, etc.)

- With more than 17,500 annotations, will this Bible be overwhelming for readers, especially those who are not familiar with Scripture at all?
- Talk about the significance of the features:
 - Introductions and Outlines
 - Essays
 - CCC references
 - Different types of annotations
 - Cross references
 - Word Studies

