INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRED SCRIPTURE
IN THE LIGHT OF ‘DEI VERBUM’

Dei Verbum – the dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation – is the document issued by Vatican Council II containing the guidelines for a study of the Holy Scripture effectively embedded in the context of an overall theological formation.

Supplemented by other key documents issued by the Pontifical Biblical Commission, the Author’s reading of the conciliar text provides sound and effective methodological basis and the indispensable preliminary knowledge for an understanding of the Word of God consistent with the Magisterium of the Church.

In the framework of the concepts of Revelation and Inspiration, issues related to the sacred nature of the Bible highlight the criteria of canonical recognition. But the transmission of the text is as significant as its composition. Therefore the manual provides in-depth examination of problems connected with OT and NT formation, textual criticism and hermeneutic. The work is completed by a brief guide to biblical research and by substantial documentary appendices.

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