



## Verbum Domini Speakers Series at the Vatican

“People of the Book: Interfaith Contributions to the Preservation of the Bible”<sup>1</sup>

Istituto Patristico Augustinianum

Via Paolo VI 25, Rome

*Sessions will be in both English and Italian*

### **Dates:**

Friday, March 2      18:00 – 19:45 Session with Drs. Maria, Jeffrey, Campbell & Atherstone

Friday, March 16      15:30 – 16:30 Special Session with Dr. Penkower  
18:00 – 19:45 Session with Drs. Pfann, Rosenberg & Williams

Friday, March 30      18:00 – 19:45 Session with Drs. McKendrick, Tov, de Hamel & Carroll

### **Emcees for sessions:**

Mario Paredes, Presidential Liaison, Roman Catholic Ministries, American Bible Society  
Jerry Pattengale, Director, The Green Scholars Initiative

### **Sponsor for sessions:**

The Green Scholars Initiative is the research arm of the Green Collection, which contains over 44,000 ancient items related to the transmission of the biblical text. The collection includes some of the earliest papyri and manuscripts of Scripture, and first editions of key biblical texts and research tools. Over thirty universities are involved in researching these items through professors, each mentoring students in the process. Eminent professors from around the world serve as Senior Scholars over groups of these local professors, and major lecture series are underway and three series of scholarly publications around the GSI project are forthcoming with Brill (Leiden). See DeMoss PR Newsroom for media releases (over 400 views) on related events.

### **Hosts for sessions:**

The Pontifical Biblical Institute (P.B.I.) is a university-level institution of the Holy See. It was established by Pope Pius X with the Apostolic Letter [Vinea electa](#) of May 7, 1909, in order to be "a center of higher studies for Sacred Scripture in the city of Rome and of all related studies according to the spirit of the Catholic Church."

### **Outline of Sessions:**<sup>2</sup>

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The alternate title, which might also serve as the forthcoming book title is *Verbum Domini: People of the Book*

**March 2** – Institutional Host Representative: Rev. Dr. José María ABREGO DE LACY, S.J., Rector

1. Rev. Dr. José María ABREGO DE LACY, S.J., Rector, Pontifical Biblical Institute, SSD-- The People of God and the Bible in the Catholic Tradition
2. David Lyle Jeffrey (Baylor)-- Verbum Domini: Bible Translation in 14th C England."<sup>3</sup>
3. Gordon Campbell (Univ. of Leicester) – Development of KJV and Catholic Contribution
4. Andrew Atherstone (Wycliffe Hall, Oxford)– The Textus Receptus and the Legacy of Dean Burgon of Chichester

**March 16** -- Institutional Host Representative:  
Deputy Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rev. Dr. Jean-Nöel Aletti, S.J.

1. Jordan S. Penkower -- Bar-Ilan University, The Layout of the Song of the Sea (Ex. 15) in Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts and Early Printed Editions - Form and Content.-- (*this address will take place earlier on this day, 3:00 pm*)
2. Stephen Pfann – University of the Holy Land -- Jeselsohn Stone and Jewish Messianic Materials
3. Stan Rosenberg (Director, SCIO, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford) – The Use of the Septuagint among St. Augustine and the Early Church
4. Peter Williams (Warden, Tyndale House) – The Role of Eastern Versions of the Bible as Textual Witnesses

**March 30** – Institutional Host Representative:  
Former Rector and Deputy Dean of the Pontifical Biblical Institute,  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Pisano, S.J.

1. Scot McKendrick (British Library), Great Ms Discoveries and Their Impact on Biblical Translations
2. Christopher de Hamel (Corpus Christi College, Oxford) , Key Latin MSS and Their Influence on Orthodoxy

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Each presenter will give 10-12 minutes of an overview of a forthcoming paper. The mss., where appropriate and possible, will be used to form the chapters of a book edited by Pattengale, Carroll, and McKendrick (British Library).

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DLJ is bringing Father Timothy Vaverek as a guest (American Seminary in Rome).

3. Emanuel Tov – Tel Aviv University – The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint
4. Scott Carroll – Director of the Green Collection, Summary Comments

\*The last weekend may include leaders of different religious traditions, Arch. of Canterbury, Pope Shenouda, Catholic, Orthodox, American Protestant, etc. We are inviting them, along with invitations to the other VIP events.