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- Bishops, Chairmen of Regional Bible Commissions
- All Regional & Diocesan Secretaries of Bible Commissions
- Members of CBAI, ITA & TPI
- Professors, Priests, Research scholars and Religious men & women
- Lay leaders involved in the Biblical Apostolate

Information

Dates: From Friday 27th 4.00 PM to Sunday 29th September 2019 1.00 PM

Place: NBCLC, Hutchins Road, Second Cross, Bangalore – 84.

Registration Fee: Full Participants (Boarding & Lodging) : Rs.1,000/-
Day Scholars : Rs.500/-

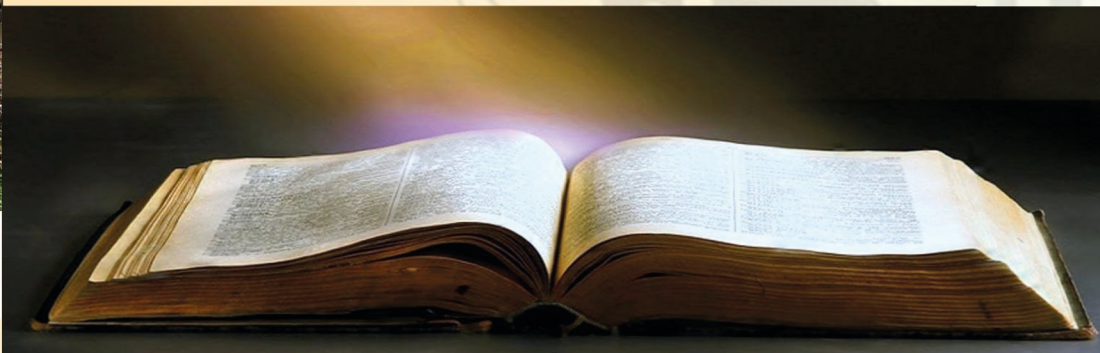
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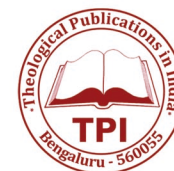
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RESEARCH SEMINAR ON BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION IN INDIA



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first of its kind in India.



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Concept of the Seminar

Twenty-five years have passed since the release of the document “Interpretation of the Bible in the Church” (1993). In the words of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “the text of the document inquires into how the meaning of scripture might become known – this meaning in which the human word and God’s word work together in the singularity of historical events and the eternity of the everlasting Word which is contemporary in every age” (Preface). The document gave serious consideration to the various aspects of the then situation as regards the interpretation of the Bible. The document intended to address the criticisms and the complaints as well as the hopes and aspirations which were being expressed in this matter. The document wanted to assess the possibilities opened up by the new methods and approaches and, finally, to try to determine more precisely the direction which best corresponds to the mission of exegesis in the Catholic Church.

In order to achieve the above objective, the document delineated the following: It first gave a brief description of the various methods and approaches, and, along with, indicated the possibilities these offered and their limitations. Next, it examined certain questions of a hermeneutical nature following which it considered aspects that may be considered characteristic of a Catholic interpretation of the Bible not isolated from other theological disciplines. Finally, it considered the place interpretation of the Bible has in the life of the Church (cf. Introduction).

The time is now ripe to examine what effect the document, The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church, has made on the Church in India in both the academic and the pastoral fields. That remains the primary intention of the seminar. However, the contributions of Vatican II and the other efforts made since then, which Theological Publications in India (TPI) has striven to highlight through its publications unto the present - the Golden Jubilee of its existence – is also well within the scope of the planned seminar.

The seminar envisaged above is the fruit of four institutes coming together – all of which are engaged in the task of Biblical interpretation and ministry in India. These are CCBI - Commission for Bible, NBCLC, CBAI and TPI.

This research seminar is meant

- to present the current situation of the methods or approaches to the text of the Bible and their outcome.
- to study the various attempts already being made on the Indian soil with regard to particular method(s) or approach(es) followed in India concerning the interpretation of the Bible in the Church and an evaluation.
- to show the direction(s) opened up for the Indian Biblical Studies and Biblical Pastoral Ministry for the future.

Themes and Resource Persons:

- **Presidential Address:** Most Rev. Antony Samy Peter Abir, Chairman
CCBI Commission for Bible
- **Keynote Address:** Fr. Selvarathinam SJ, JDV, Pune
- **Historical – Critical Method (Diachronic Approach):** Fr. Assisi Saldanha CSsR
- **Narrative- Rhetoric and Canonical Methods (Synchronic Approach):** Fr. Joy Philip CMI
- **Subaltern (Dalit, Fisherfolk and Migrant) Approaches:** Fr. Maria Arulraja SJ
- **Feminist Biblical Scholarship:** Sr. Prema CSST
- **Pastoral Methods of Interpretation:** Fr. Mario Mendes
- **Inter-Textual Reading of the Bible:** Mr. Shilanand Hemraj
- **Interpretation of the Bible in Kristbhaktas movements -** Fr. Jerome Sylvester IMS
- **New Avenues and Future Orientations:** Fr. Yesu Karunanidi, Sr. Virginia Rajakumari, SAB, Mr. Nigel Fernandes

