

Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center launch new Catholic biblical theology journal

“With this new journal we hope to foster a deeper conversation about the Bible - what it is and where it comes from; how we should read it; and what claim it should make on our lives, on the teaching and practice of the Church, on the world we live in...”

—Introduction, *Letter & Spirit*, Vol. 1

September 21, 2005, STEUBENVILLE, OH—Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology have joined with biblical scholars around the world to bring about the first new Catholic biblical theology journal of the third millennium, *Letter & Spirit*.

David Scott, managing editor of the journal and acclaimed author of *The Catholic Passion* (Loyola, 2005) writes in his introduction to the inaugural issue that *Letter & Spirit* is a response to what “some have gone so far as to describe as a ‘crisis’ in contemporary understanding of the Bible.”

“Indeed,” Scott continues, “we would suggest that a failure to think straight about the Bible risks confounding our worship...and rendering uncertain the Church’s witness to the culture and to other believers.” *Letter & Spirit* works to counteract the separation of the literary and historical study of Scripture from its living, spiritual meaning in Church liturgy and Tradition.

The inaugural issue of *Letter & Spirit*—with “Reading Scripture: Word, Worship, and the Mysteries” as its theme—boasts such contributors as James Swetnam, SJ, Robert Louis Wilken, Sofia Cavalletti, Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, Brant Pitre, Christopher T. Baglow, Marcellino D’Ambrosio, and other noteworthy biblical scholars. Alongside these contemporary offerings, a “Tradition and Traditions” section highlights the writings of Hugh of St. Victor, Augustin Cardinal Bea, SJ, and F. X. Durrwell. Scott Hahn is both a contributor and the general editor of the series.

Published annually, issues of the *Letter & Spirit* journal will be available in retail outlets nationwide, without a subscription, making the series easily accessible to clergy, students, and laity as a resource for both academic and personal study. To order, call Emmaus Road Publishing at (800)398-5470 or visit www.emmausroad.org.

Located in Steubenville, Ohio, the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology is a non-profit research and educational institute that promotes life-transforming Scripture study in the Catholic tradition. The *Letter & Spirit* journal is part of the Center’s Letter & Spirit Project, which publishes books on key biblical themes from literary, historical, and theological perspectives. The release of *Queen Mother: A Biblical Theology of Mary’s Queenship* by Edward Sri (Emmaus Road, 2005) launched the project this year.

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