

**Historic Saint John's Bible to appear at King's University College October 23-27
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The Saint John's Bible, an historic document and the first complete Bible to be scribed and illuminated by hand in more than 500 years, arrives at King's University College at The University of Western Ontario on Sunday, October 23. The Pentateuch (Genesis, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Exodus) will be on display to the public in the Eaton Special Collections Room in the Cardinal Carter Library at King's from October 23-27

The Heritage Edition, commissioned in 1998 by Saint John's Abbey and University, totals 1150 pages over seven volumes with each weighing 20 pounds and measuring two feet high by three feet wide when open. Six scribes and six illuminators worked under the direction of Donald Jackson, one of the world's foremost calligraphers, for some 12 years to complete this remarkable project. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI refers to this timeless multivolume Bible as a 'work for eternity'.

Exhibit times are:

- Sunday, October 23: 12 -5
- Monday, October 24: 10 -12, 2-4, 6-8
- Tuesday, October 25: 10-12, 2-4, 6-8
- Wednesday, October 26:10-12, 2-4, 6-8
- Thursday, October 27:10-12, 2-4, 6-7

"I am very grateful that Regis College chose to partner with us in bringing the Saint John's Bible to King's," notes Reverend Michael Bechard, Chaplain at King's. "The artistic beauty of the book will only help people to appreciate the beauty and richness of the Word of God."

"The Saint John's Bible is an affirmation of the continued relevance of both the scriptures and the physical book," says Claire Callaghan, Chief Librarian of the Cardinal Carter Library at King's. "In an increasingly digital world, where everything moves with the speed of technology, we sometimes lose sight of the investments of time, talent, knowledge and love that go into the production of a single book. The provenance of this magnificent volume and its forthcoming showing in the Eaton Special Collections Room is a reminder that the library is still, mostly, about books."

The exhibit will culminate with a Religious Life Lecture delivered by Reverend Gordon Rixon, SJ, (associate professor of Theology at Regis College in Toronto) and sponsored by King's Campus Ministry at 7:30 p.m. in Labatt Hall. Titled "Remembering Sacred Scripture: Growing in the Word" Father Rixon will showcase another Heritage Edition volume.

For more information and photos regarding The Saint John's Bible visit www.saintjohnsbible.org/

For more information about the appearance of the Saint John's Bible at King's, please visit kings.uwo.ca

Media is welcome to attend any of the viewings but a special media only viewing will take place on Monday, October 24 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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