

## The *Saint John's Bible*

This unique work is the first illuminated and handwritten Bible of monumental size to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years. It is a work of sacred art.

It was created by Donald Jackson, Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office, along with a collaborative team of scribes and artists.

The integral text of the Bible\*, that is the 73 books of the *Old* and the *New Testaments*, is presented in seven volumes of about 1150 pages.

Bound in Italian leather and printed on 100% cotton paper, the Heritage Edition features exquisite calligraphy, vibrant imagery and stunning gold and silver illuminations.

The Heritage Edition is a reproduction identical to the original, measuring 2 feet by 3 feet, which resides in permanence at Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN.

\*according to the *New Revised Standard Version* we use in Canada



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## Why is the *Saint John's Bible* in our Archdiocese?

Volume 6 of the *Saint John's Bible: Gospels & Acts*, is here to help us celebrate the **Coming of the Gospel** in Western Canada, 200 years ago.

## How will we celebrate this significant moment in our Archdiocese?

A committee has been tasked with defining a process and outlining a program so that as many people as possible may see the *Saint John's Bible* during the 2018 Bicentennial year of the Archdiocese.

The program for an evening liturgy in the Pastoral Regions includes:

- A presentation on the arrival of the Gospel in Western Canada
- An introduction to the *Saint John's Bible* A
- program of "Lectio or Visio Divina" (time of prayer)
- A time to take a closer look at Volume 6: *Gospels & Acts*



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**When will the *Saint John's Bible* be in our Pastoral Region?**

Each Pastoral Region will host the Bible for one week (Monday to Monday), starting in January 2018. Each Region will set up its own calendar for the week.

Depending on possibilities, it is suggested to hold at least one evening liturgy per Region as well as the weekend liturgy in a parish.

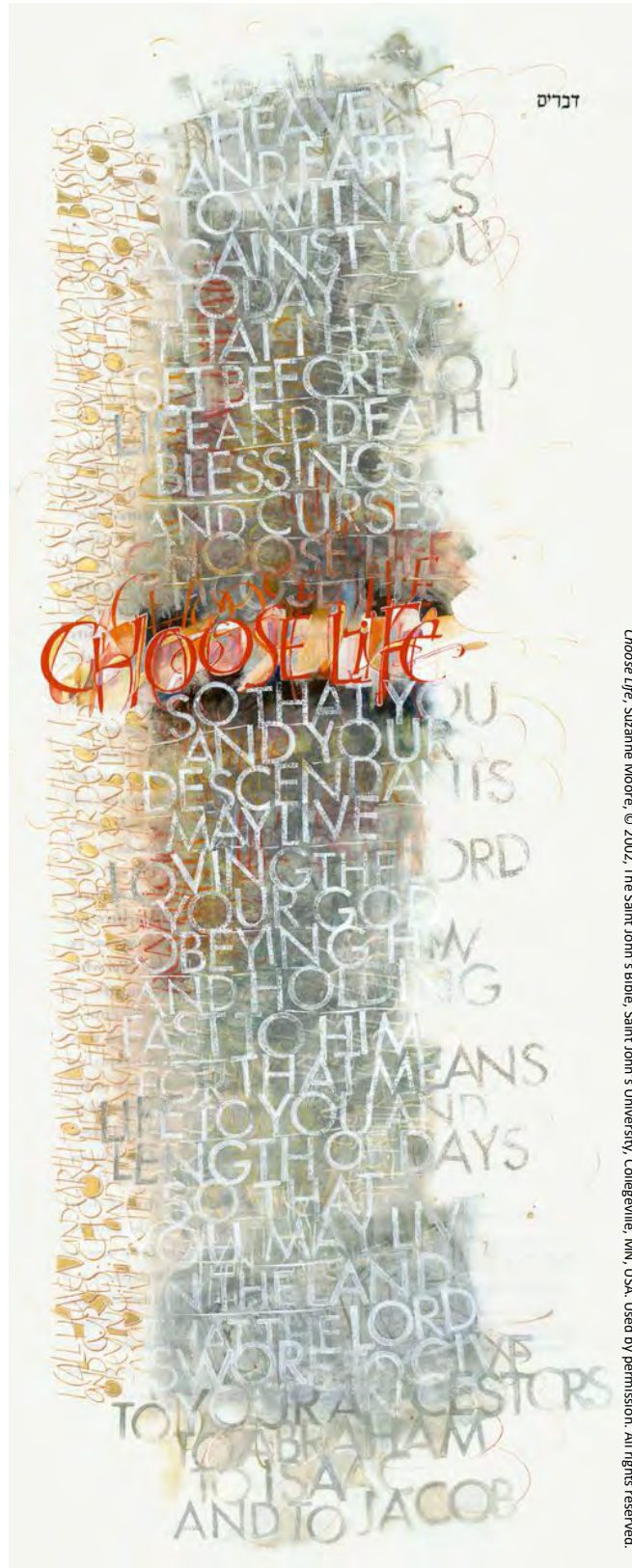
**Where will we see the *Saint John's Bible*?**

The Bible will be available first in the Pastoral Regions, then also during important diocesan celebrations for the Bicentennial.

The full calendar of events and the dates for the visit of the Bible in each Pastoral Region are available on the Website of the Archdiocese.

**For more information**

[www.archsaintboniface.ca/](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/)



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