Catholic Biblical Federation

Friends of the Catholic Biblical Federation
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and blessings from the General Secretariat of the Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) in Germany. I am very grateful to the Mission Office of the Paterson Diocese for allowing us to benefit from your Missionary Cooperative Plan this year. Through the “Friends of the Catholic Biblical Federation” (FCBF) we are able to collect funds for financing biblical projects of the 98 Bishops’ Conferences and more than 240 other Catholic institutions affiliated with the CBF. These institutions, active in 126 countries around the world, translate, print and distribute Bibles, organize Bible courses, prepare and distribute materials for personal reading and meditation on the Word of God, organize Bible Weeks, congresses and conferences at all levels of the Church.

At this time of pandemic, many are rightly focused on aiding our brothers and sisters around the planet who are confronted with severe health and economic distress. But let us not forget that God’s Word, the Word of Life and Hope, has the power to help us to grow in strength and perseverance in overcoming the crises at hand. Thank you for helping us to bring the Word of God to those who need it most.

Fr. Jan J. Stefanow SVD
General Secretary CBF
Executive Director FCBF

I wish Bishop Kevin Sweeney a blessed episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Paterson. I send warm greetings to the Pontifical Mission Societies and Catholic Charities of the Diocese and a word of thanks to the Friends of the Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF). We are fortunate to have friends who support the Biblical Apostolate especially during this Year of the Word of God. This special year commemorates the 50th foundation anniversary of the CBF and the 1600th death anniversary of St. Jerome, the great and holy scholar of the Bible. Unexpectedly the Covid 19 pandemic hit the whole world during the Year of the Word of God. With the many suffering people, we cry out in pain to God, as we often hear in the psalms. But the pandemic also opened new spaces for the Biblical Apostolate. The members of the CBF in various regions of the world have been receiving requests for Bible formation programs to be used in bible study, catechesis, family prayer, youth meetings, counseling and uplifting weary and helpless hearts. Some of the programs are available on-line. We invite the Friends of CBF and their friends to join us in spreading the Hope that the Word of God offers especially at this time of global emergency. God bless you and your loved ones!

+ Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle
President of the Catholic Biblical Federation

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**Formation**
Promotes and supports the translation, production and distribution of the Bible
Promotes biblical studies and the production of educational tools
Supports the work of Catholic organizations for biblical pastoral ministry.

**Animation**
Encourages and stimulates cooperation between biblical science, pastoral ministry and Church communities
Supports interconfessional dialogue and also the dialogue between the religions

**Bible**

**Promotion Coordination**

344 Member Institutions in 126 countries of the World

Created in April 1969 * by Pope Paul VI
Friends of the Catholic Biblical Federation

Our Projects

Through its diverse solidarity funds Friends of the Catholic Biblical Federation wants to collect economic resources to help in the financing of the biblical projects prepared by the member institutions and by the General Secretariat of the Catholic Biblical Federation.

We invite you to help us to help - just make a donation to one or more of our funds!!

Bible Distribution Fund: One of the elements of our mission is to help the Catholic Biblical Federation to promote and support the translation, production and distribution of the Bible at Catholic and interconfessional levels.

Biblical Formation Fund: We also help the Catholic Biblical Federation to promote biblical studies and the production of educational tools for the sake of a better understanding of the Bible.

Biblical Pastoral Ministry Fund: CBF Member institutions organise many Biblical Pastoral Ministry activities. One of the elements of our mission is to help the Catholic Biblical Federation to support the work of its Member organizations in biblical pastoral ministry.

CBF General Fund: Through this General Fund Friends of the CBF wants to collect economic resources to help in the financing of the biblical projects prepared by the member institutions and by the General Secretariat of the Catholic Biblical Federation.

We work to provide financial support for the projects of the Catholic Biblical Federation.

Thank you for your donation!