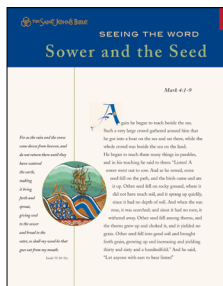


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New Spiritual Program Draws on *The Saint John's Bible*

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA (November 18, 2010)—For years, pilgrims have journeyed to Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, to see and pray with *The Saint John's Bible*. This revered spiritual work of art has now been incorporated into a study program that combines it with the prayer practice of *visio divina*, "divine seeing."

The program, *Seeing the Word*, aims to touch hearts and renew spirits by connecting individuals, groups, and ministry settings with the illuminated Bible. Short Reflection Guides feature a number of Scripture passages and illuminations from *The Saint John's Bible*, guiding participants through the various stages of meditative and communal prayer that make up *visio divina*.

Sam Rahberg, Director of the Benedictine Retreat Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, was one of many pilot program facilitators. He explains, "We've seen *Seeing the Word* make a real difference in the lives of retreatants and guests . . . There comes a moment, you can almost see it in their eyes, when they realize the enormity of what's before them."

Developed by Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary in collaboration with Liturgical Press, the program consists of 30 reflection guides to be rolled out over a three-year period, along with Facilitator's Guides, Program Manuals, and resource DVDs. The program's website, www.seeingtheword.org, was recently launched and is available for those wanting to order the program or learn more.

For more information about *Seeing the Word* or related programs, contact Barbara Sutton, Associate Dean of Formation and Outreach for the Saint John's University School of Theology-Seminary, at (320) 363-3052 or bsutton@csbsju.edu.