

From: Catherine A. Bielski

1. How many times have I witnessed her teaching? I attended her weekly 2 hour presentations for 8 months. The presentations were given at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, Indiana.
2. Of those experiences, how many of them were bible studies of her own design? All her presentations were extemporaneous with occasional references to her notes. Every session I attended Michal distributed reference material on the subject she was teaching and almost every hand out related to the portion of the bible she was teaching.
3. Are her teachings in concordance with Rome? Absolutely, she is a faithful and knowledgeable Roman Catholic. She frequently quoted Catholic Church Documents, Vatican II and Pope John Paul II .
4. Would you recommend her as a leader of a bible study? Absolutely. She is one of the most knowledgeable persons I have known who conducts bible studies.
5. Is there anything you would like to add? Yes, my husband, Len, has been the Director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana for 15 years and has asked Michal to present a bible teaching on several occasions before the monthly Mass and at prayer meetings. According to Len, most of those who listened to her were astonished at the amount of knowledge she would convey in her presentation. He would love to have her do a teaching every week but two teachings in a week would be a strain since she does so much preparation for her classes.
6. Michal's list of her current bibliography for the Salvation History course? Her list is very inclusion and a good example of the research Michal does before her session. You will note that many if not most are church documents, or publications of representatives of the Church, saints, priests, cardinals, etc. Others are from Jewish scholars who are experts on Jerusalem, Israel history, Jewish feasts, garments and the Old Testament. She used these references to bring the life of Jesus and the Apostle to life. This is a well rounded bibliography. Her maps give a visual understanding of the places talked about in scripture. She then uses the maps to better explain her subject.
7. My qualifications: I am a graduate of Fordham University School of Education , major of Math and English. Fordham is a Society of Jesus University in New York city. I have a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, 1984. The M.Div. degree is the degree earned by most Catholic priests. I have been a religion teacher at two different Catholic High Schools, Cathedral H.S. and Rocalli H.S. here in Indianapolis for a total of 10 years. I taught Comparative Religions at Marian College Adult Education for two years. I was a Director of Religious Education (two years) for Our Lady of Grace Church in Noblesville. I have been a hospital Chaplain for 9 years at St. Vincent Hospital and New Hope for the Disabled, both of Indianapolis. Acted as Chaplain for a secular hospice provider for two years.

You could not find a more qualified person to do bible studies. I give her the highest recommendation.

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