Final Performance Tasks for Unit 2

The following is a list of the enduring understandings for unit 2. Demonstrating your grasp of one or more of these understandings will be essential to successfully completing your chosen final performance task. See the descriptions below to understand the specific elements required for each performance task option.

* The collection of books in the Bible was written over a long period of time by human authors who were inspired by God.
* Biblical exegesis helps us to understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture.
* The Old Testament recounts the relationship between God and the ancient Israelites.
* The New Testament focuses on the mission of Jesus Christ and the development of the early Christian communities.

Option 1: Develop a Presentation   
for a Youth Interfaith Council

You have been invited by your pastor to represent your parish community at a youth interfaith council. As a member of the council, you are expected to offer a presentation to your fellow members on the Catholic understanding of, and approach to, the Bible. Create a presentation for the youth interfaith council that responds to the enduring understandings for this unit by answering the unit's essential questions:

* Who wrote the Bible?
* How are we supposed to read Sacred Scripture?
* What can Christians learn from the Old Testament?
* How can study of the New Testament enrich one's faith life?

Your presentation can be in the form of a PowerPoint, podcast, or video. The podcast or video file may be submitted electronically. If you choose to do a PowerPoint presentation, you may be asked to do your presentation for the class. Because you are presenting to an interfaith council, do not assume prior knowledge or understanding of Catholicism.

Include in your presentation responses to three common questions people of other faith traditions may have of Catholics concerning their understanding and interpretation of Sacred Scripture. The questions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Why don’t Catholics read the Bible literally?
* What role does the Pope have in teaching Catholics about the Bible?
* What role does the Bible play in your life of faith?

Conclude your presentation with a brief reflection on how the study of both the Old Testament and the New Testament has enriched your life of faith.

Option 2: Create a Children’s Book

You have been invited by your parish’s director of religious education to create a children’s book for the second-grade class. The book should provide an overview of the enduring understandings from unit 2 and should have at least three pages devoted to each enduring understanding.

The children’s book may be a fictional story or any other format that conveys the information in an age-appropriate and engaging manner. The book should include illustrations related to each enduring understanding.