



Memo

Date: May 21, 2018
To: Priests
From: Msgr. James Schillinger, Ongoing Formation of Priests
Re: 17th Annual Acculturation Seminar for International Priests

I want to call your attention to a truly outstanding program for international priests serving in the United States.

The 17th Annual Acculturation Seminar for International Priests is being offered at St. John's University in Queens, New York, June 18-22, 2018. Registration has been extended through June 1.

Please see the attached program description, eligibility requirements and registration form. For more information about the program, please call (718) 990-1612 or email vccs@stjohns.edu.

Seventeenth Annual Acculturation Seminar for International Priests

18
JUN

Jun 18, 2018

12:00 pm — 1:30 pm

Queens, NY Campus

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June 18-22, 2018

Program Goals

- In an intensive, supportive, five-day residential program, participants who have already developed "survival skills" and have conversational ability in English focus on these goals:
- Church Development in the United States:
- Gain an overview of the development of the Catholic Church in the pluralistic, religiously diverse United States and discuss models of Church and roles of priests within that context.
- Sociological Issues: Engage in discussions on culture, gender, race, family, multiculturalism, cultural bridges, and the acculturation process itself to discern differences between one's native culture and US culture(s).
- Counseling and Self-Care: Reflect on the issues of stress, creativity, self-knowledge, and personal growth, which the acculturation process engenders.
- Priest as Leader, Team Member, and Collaborator: Grow in appreciation of the need in organizations for servant leadership and effective management skills.
- Church Structure and Collaboration: Study overall church structure in the United States and the roles of clergy and laity within the parish and diocesan organizations.
- Interpersonal Communications: Recognize the complexity and centrality of communication to ministry and engage in practice sessions which focus on cultural differences.
- Pastoral Communications: Reflect on attitudes and skills which enhance pastoral communication, with special emphasis on reading and preaching.
- Time Management: Learn time management skills which contribute to a healthy and productive work ethic and lifestyle.
- Immigration and Legal Issues: Discuss legal issues, immigration, and pastoral concerns.
- Liturgical Sharing: Share Liturgy (Eucharist and Divine Office) as a way of building community.

- Relationships: Establish relationships with other

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the program, a priest must:

- Be recommended by officials of the diocese or the leadership of his religious community. A letter of recommendation must be forwarded directly to the Vincentian Center for Church and Society from the diocesan personnel office or major superior in the United States.
- Be a US resident for at least six months and less than five years.
- Demonstrate conversational proficiency in English.
- Complete registration form.

Schedule

The five-day seminar is scheduled to be held June 18-22, 2018. The program opens on Monday at noon with a luncheon and closes on Friday at 1:30 p.m. after Eucharist and a closing luncheon.

Residence

To enhance the learning environment, each participant is assigned a private room within the student residence halls. Meals are provided on campus. Athletic and library facilities are available to participants.

Collaboration with Sacred Heart Institute (SHI)

The Vincentian Center collaborates with the SHI in Huntington, NY, for the Acculturation Program. The SHI is a cooperative effort of the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre to facilitate the ongoing formation of priests and deacons.

Costs

Nonrefundable Registration Fee \$50 (Due May 18)

Tuition, Room, and Meals \$750 (Due on arrival)

Total \$800

Applications

- [Download the registration form »](#)
- [Download the verification form »](#)

REGISTRATION FORM

**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ACCULTURATION SEMINAR FOR INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
JUNE 18 - 22, 2018**

**- Space is limited -
Please return completed registration form and verification form by MAY 18.**

**Registration form must be accompanied by a recommendation letter
from diocesan leadership or congregational major superior.**

PART I (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____

PARISH/AFFILIATION _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ CELL _____

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

BACKGROUND:

Country of Origin _____ Home Diocese _____

Country of Ordination _____ Year of Ordination _____

Length of time in the US _____ Expected length of stay _____

Diocesan Priest _____ OR Member of a Religious Congregation _____

Name of Diocese/Congregation _____

LANGUAGE ABILITY:

Native Language _____

Other Languages _____

Fluency in English: Moderately GOOD _____ Very GOOD _____ EXCELLENT _____

EARNED DEGREES:

Degree	Field	Seminary / University
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART II (PLEASE PRINT)

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE: Please provide a brief summary of your ministerial experience.

PART III (PLEASE PRINT)

EXPECTATIONS: Please describe your expectations of the program in terms of what you wish to learn and gain from this experience.

PLEASE NOTE: The residence halls are SMOKE FREE.

Signed _____

Diocese of _____