



Memo

Date: September 4, 2018

To: Priests

From: Monsignor James Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests

Re: Ongoing Formation Opportunities: Fall 2018-2019

Please see the attached list of outstanding ongoing formation opportunities offered at three institutions we regularly partner with in our ministry of ongoing formation:

- St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL
- The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates at St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN
- The Center for Continuing Formation at St. Mary Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD

As you look ahead and plan your schedule for the coming months, please seriously consider attending one of these excellent programs or workshops. As you look over these offerings, you will see programs available for priests at every stage of ministry. Whether you are newly ordained, a parochial vicar, a new or seasoned pastor, preparing for retirement, or international priest, there is an opportunity to help enrich your priestly life and ministry. Additional information on all programs is available on their respective websites.

Also, please consider attending the Priest Winter Institute at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL scheduled for January 27-February 1, 2019. The Winter Institute is a great opportunity to come together with other priests from all over the United States for a five-day seminar focusing on topics of spirituality or theology. A good number of priests from the archdiocese have attended past Winter Institutes. Spending five days in southern Florida in late January may have something to do with the program's appeal.

Finally, please review the attached document for additional priest retreats. If you are unable to attend our own priests' retreat (September 16-20, 2019), you may be interested in one of these options.

Ongoing Formation funding is available to all priests serving in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, please submit an application. Archdiocesan clergy are eligible for up to \$2,500 of funding per year and religious are eligible for \$1,875 per year. A parish or ministry provides half of the costs. For the funding policy, application and procedures, please visit our [website](#).



Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology
Institute for Priests and Presbyterates

Ongoing Formation Opportunities

Fall 2018

October 15-19, 2018 – World Priest

This workshop helps international priests develop skills and confidence needed for effective ministry in the United States. Topic include: American Church History, U.S. speech patterns, cross-cultural communication and pastoral practices in America. Registration deadline is September 24, 2018.

November 5-8, 2018– The Newly Appointed Pastor

A workshop designed for priests in the initial two years of their first assignment as pastor. This workshop provides opportunities for priestly fraternity, prayer, Mass, confession, reflection and rest. The deadline for registration is October 22, 2018

November 26-29, 2018 – Encore Priests Pre-Retirement Workshop

This workshop prepares senior clergy in planning for the transition into retirement. This workshop also helps them engage both their strengths and likely challenges to transform retirement into an energizing time of personal and spiritual development. The registration deadline for this conference is November 10, 2018.

2019 workshop dates have also been released and are listed below. Registration information for 2019 events will be available at a later date.

The Associate Pastor – February 4-7, 2019

World Priest – February 25-March 1, 2019

October 14-18, 2019

Encore Priest: Pre-Retirement Workshop – August 12-15, 2019

December 2-5, 2019

The Newly Appointment Pastor – November 4-7, 2019

For more information and to register, please visit www.saintmeinrad.edu.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary is offering two clergy formation programs of note. For more information and to register, please visit www.svdp.edu.

Recently Ordained Workshop November 12-15, 2018

The recently ordained workshop is designed to empower and evangelize your parish. The workshop is presented by Fr. Michael Nixon of Saint Dominic Parish in Panama City and Christ Benzinger, Director of Mission and Evangelization for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Priest Winter Institute January 27 – February 1, 2019 More info to come



Fall 2018 Events

St. Mary's Seminary & University will be offering a New Pastor's Program on November 4-9, 2018. This conference is for the newly minted pastor or for priests who will soon be appointed to the pastorate.

2019 Events

Priests' Retreat – The Theology of Luke/Acts
May 13-17, 2019

Senior Priest Retreat
May 28-31, 2019

For more information or to register, please visit

<http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/clergy-programs/>