



Memo

Date: February 5, 2018
To: Priests
From: Msgr. Jim Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests
Re: Update #10 - Ongoing Formation Opportunities

Please see the updated list of various ongoing formation opportunities being offered around the U.S. and abroad.

This list is not exhaustive and will be updated to keep you aware of available events and programs. If you know of any additional opportunities, please send me the information.

The last two pages of the document provide information on funding ongoing formation opportunities.

Thank you.



Resources for Ongoing Formation

SLIconnect

Website: <http://www.sliconnect.org>

This is the St. Luke Institute online education resource. Archbishop Gregory has arranged for a group membership allowing priests of the Archdiocese to have full access to SLI webinars and other resources that provide practical information for healthy life and ministry. With more than 60 hours of content and more being added monthly, this is an outstanding resource. The content is excellent, very well presented, and quite relevant to those of us in ministry. Topics such as managing stress, healthy boundaries and ministerial effectiveness, challenging personalities, integrating psychological and spiritual health, preventing burnout, and more. Access is free for all priests of the Archdiocese. To register, go to www.sliconnect.org and use the group access code 3471-894. Contact Jayna Hoffacker at jhoffacker@archatl.com if you are having trouble registering.

Upcoming Webinars:

The Sacrament of Confession: An Experience of Conversion

Thursday, February 15

Preparing to confess our sins is a challenge, especially when we are overly concerned about repeated sins or unsure how to make an integral confession. Conversion, the primary focus of the sacrament of confession, opens a door to a profound experience of God's mercy. Rev. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D., a licensed clinical psychologist and spiritual director, explores the relationship between the sacrament of confession and ongoing spiritual growth.

Intervening with a Peer: When Avoiding is Enabling

Thursday, May 17

How can we successfully challenge a friend, family or community member's unhealthy behaviors while still maintaining a good relationship? At what point does our desire to avoid conflict actually enable the behavior we are trying to address? Michael R. Pollard, LCSW, identifies strategies for managing difficult conversations with those close to us.

The Amazing Parish

Website: <http://www.amazingparish.org>

Amazing Parish Conference

April 25-27, 2018

The next Amazing Parish conference will be held April 25-27, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. The Amazing Parish Conference is a practical and one-of-a-kind experience for parish leaders. You'll receive first-hand organizational health training from *New York Times* best-selling author, Patrick Lencioni, and you'll learn from dynamic and engaging speakers including Jeff Cavins, Curtis Martin, and Chris Stefanick. The conference experience is also an opportunity for personal and spiritual renewal with daily Mass, confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Visit <http://www.amazingconference.com> for more information and to register your parish team for the conference.

Online Modules

Amazing Parish Online offers modules at no cost to priests and parish leaders. The newest module covers discipleship. The goal of discipleship is to become like Jesus, and we are all called to become and build disciples within our parishes. In this endeavor, discipleship efforts in a parish can oftentimes become program focused instead of relationship focused. All 13 modules – varying from 45-60 minutes – are available for free online. Sign up for an AP Online account at <https://amazingparish.org/aponline>.

National Federation of Priests' Councils (NFPC)

Website: <http://www.nfpc.org>

2018 National Convocation of Priests

April 23-26, 2018

The 2018 National Convocation of Priests marks the 50th Anniversary of the NFPC. It will be held in Chicago, Illinois. More information will be shared when it is available.

St. Mary's Center for Continuing Formation

Baltimore, Maryland

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

Senior Priests Retreat

June 4-7, 2018

An annual three or four day (optional) retreat for priests retired, semi-retired or ordained more than 40 years. This year's theme is "A Long Look at the Long Haul."

Go to <http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/clergy-programs/senior-priests-retreat/> to register.

Financial Issues in the Contemporary Parish

August 13-16, 2018

This workshop is open to seminarians and newly ordained and international priests. Visit <http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/clergy-programs/summer-seminarian-programs/> to register.

New Pastors Program

November 4-9, 2018

This five day workshop is designed exclusively for newly appointed pastors. Over the course of the workshop, we will cover stewardship, parish finances, tools for successful collaboration, and much more.

Visit <http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/clergy-programs/new-pastors-program/> to register.

St. Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates

St. Meinrad, Indiana

Website: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/>

Encore Priests

August 13-16 and November 26-29, 2018

Encore Priests prepares priests for their transition into retirement. Of course, priests never fully retire. By the very nature of the sacrament of Holy Orders, priests always have some form of priestly ministry. But how can a mature priest transition into a retirement that is meaningful and vital?

Register for either date at <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/encore-priests/pre-retirement-preparation/>

The Thomistic Institute

Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://thomisticinstitute.org>

Annual Conference for Priests: Becoming a Better Confessor

July 9-12, 2018

Each summer, the Thomistic Institute holds a conference for priests. The goal of the conference is to give ongoing formation for those engaged in ordained ministry, as well as an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of brother priests from across the country. Participants attend talks and take part in

breakout sessions on pastoral issues, designed to give them the spiritual and intellectual tools to help them be the love of Christ to those in their care.

On July 9 -12, 2018, the Thomistic Institute will hold its 7th annual Conference for Priests in Providence, RI. This year's conference will help the participants become more effective priestly instruments of forgiveness in the confessional.

For more information and registration, visit: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/conference-for-priests-1/>

**University of St. Mary of the Lake
Institute for Ongoing Formation
Mundelein, Illinois**

Website: <https://usml.edu/institute/institute-ongoing-formation/>

**Summer Scripture Seminar
June 24-29, 2018**

The Summer Scripture Seminar is the premier continuing education program for the Institute for Ongoing Formation. Located in the middle of 1,000 acres of forest in Lake County, Illinois, you will not find a more beautiful place to retreat and dive deep into the word of God. This seminar gives you access to the best scripture scholars from all over the country. Come for one lecture or stay for the entire week. Either way you will leave refreshed, renewed, and refulgent with the knowledge of the word of God. More information is available at www.summerscripture.org.

Annual Allowance for Ongoing Formation

These pages highlight just a few of the many outstanding ongoing formation opportunities available to priests throughout the U.S. and abroad. Programs like these, along with the various activities coordinated by our own Committee for Ongoing Formation of Priests, are an invaluable resource for the life and ministry of the individual priest and the larger presbyterate.

In an effort to encourage an active participation in programs like these, the Archdiocese of Atlanta offers every active priest a generous annual allowance to support him in his efforts toward ongoing priestly formation. The funding limit for diocesan priests is \$2,500 and \$1,875 for religious. These funds are provided by his parish/ministry (50%) and the Archdiocese (50%).

To access these funds, the priest must first submit a completed "Application for Funding" (final page of this document) to the Director of Ongoing Formation of Priests. This application provides an explanation of the proposed program or conference along with an estimate of all related costs. Applications must be received no less than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of a program or conference. The ongoing formation director will review the request and in a timely manner will communicate his decision to the applicant. If approved, the priest will need to submit all related receipts to the ongoing formation director *after* he has attended the event. Reimbursement checks can then be issued. Again, the amount reimbursed comes from the priest's parish/ministry (50%) and the archdiocese (50%).

**ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
ONGOING FORMATION OF PRIESTS
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

Name: _____

Parish/Ministry: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of Program

Title: _____

Dates: _____

Place: _____

Registration Fee: _____

Room and Board: _____

Transportation: _____

Amount of Financial Assistant Sought: _____

Personal Coverage

Will your assignment be covered while you are away? _____

If yes, by whom? _____

How do you expect this program will aid your ministry? _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail to:
Reverend Monsignor James A. Schillinger
Prince of Peace Catholic Church
6439 Spout Springs Road · Flowery Branch, GA 30542