



Memo

Date: September 11, 2017
To: Priests
From: Monsignor Jim Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests
Re: Update #5 - 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>

Cost: Free

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.

Upcoming Webinars:

Prayerful Discernment in Pastoral Change

September 21, 2017

Dioceses, parishes and religious communities face a variety of major changes: bishop and pastor transitions, aging members, personnel issues and other challenges. Our instinct is to tackle difficult transitions with a “fix-it” approach, but engaging in a collaborative process of listening, dialogue and prayerful discernment can ease the pain of change and generate more positive outcomes for all involved. Rev. Paul Scaglione, M.Div., presents a model for navigating major transition in faith communities.

New On Demand Courses:

Skills For Mental Health First Responders

Clergy and religious are often the “first responders” for individuals and families experiencing mental health crises. Learning basic skills for assessing and de-escalating potential crisis situations can help us serve others more effectively and increase the likelihood of healthy outcomes for those in need. Michael Day, Psy.D., provides an overview of common mental health challenges and offers strategies for assessment and intervention.

The Amazing Parish

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

Amazing Parish Conference

April 25-27, 2018

Cost: \$1,750 (for up to five members of a parish leadership team)

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.

Discipleship Module

Cost: Free

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. In Module 8, Jeff Cavins and Chris Stefanick teach parish leaders how to focus their discipleship efforts on developing a deeper relationship with Christ and one another. Sign up for an AP Online account at <https://amazingparish.org/aponline>.

Center for Migration Studies

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

Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative Conference

October 11-13, 2017

Cost: \$75 (excluding travel and lodging costs)

The Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS), Loyola Marymount University, and Mount St. Mary's University announce the 2017 Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative Conference from October 11 to 13, 2017 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.

The primary purpose of the conference is to advance the goals of CMS's Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative (CIII) which seeks to study, document, and support a growing network of diverse Catholic institutions that are working successfully to advance immigrant integration, empowerment and well-being.

For a full schedule and registration, go to <http://cmsny.org/event/2017-ciii>.

National Association of Hispanic Priests

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

28th Annual Convention

September 18-21, 2017

Cost: \$350 (excludes travel and lodging)

The National Association of Hispanic Priests (ANSH) will host its 28th annual convention from September 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme for the assembly is Priest, Teacher, and Pastor: On the Way to V Encuentro (*Sacerdote, Maestr, y Pastor: en Camino al V Encuentro*). Speakers will include Most Rev. Gerald Barnes, Bishop of San Bernardino, Most Rev. Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, and Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS, Archbishop of San Antonio. Register for the convention at <http://www.ansh.org>.

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.

National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC)

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

2018 Annual Convention

February 5-8, 2018

The 2018 Annual NOCERCC Convention will take place February 5-8, 2018, in Orange, California. This year's convention will be taking a look at priestly ongoing formation in midlife. More information about this convention will be shared as soon as it is available.

**Pontifical North American College
Institute for Continuing Theology Education (ICTE)
Rome, Italy**

Website: <https://www.pnac.org/icte/about-icte/>

The following modules can be taken individually or in a series:

**Module 2: The Saints of Rome: Saint Peter and His Companions
October 2-October 20, 2017**

Cost: \$4,500 (excluding travel costs)

- Mass and tours at the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri among others
- Scavi Tours at Saint Peter's and San Clemente
- Tour of the Catacombs
- Visits to Vatican Dicasteries

**Module 3: The Life of the Priest: Saint Peter and His Brothers
October 23-November 17, 2017**

Cost: \$6,000 (excluding travel costs)

- Five-day Retreat in Ars, France with Fr. Jacques Philippe
- Presentations with the Catholic Leadership Institute
- Mass at the Tomb of Saint Peter
- Presentations on Preaching, Canon Law, Lectio Divina
- Visits to Vatican Dicasteries

**St. Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates
St. Meinrad, Indiana**

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

**Pre-Retirement Workshop
November 27-30**

Cost: \$650 (excludes travel and lodging costs)

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?

If you're a priest nearing retirement age, this workshop is designed to help you:

- plan for the transition into retirement
- make your retirement meaningful and purposeful
- discover your strengths and your likely challenges, and how to best engage both

- discover the 15 spiritual growth factors that can transform retirement into an energizing time of personal and spiritual development
- learn the steps to make the most of your retirement

Register at the following link: <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/encore-priests/pre-retirement-preparation/>

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
Boynton Beach, Florida

Website: <http://www.svdp.edu/>

Recently Ordained Workshop
November 13-16, 2017

Cost: \$350

For priests in their first five years. More information will be shared as soon as it is available. If you have any questions, please contact Monsignor Schillinger.

Priest Winter Institute
January 28-February 2, 2018

Cost: \$725 (excluding travel costs)

More information on this event will be shared as soon as it is available.

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:
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