



Memo

Date: October 30, 2017
To: Priests
From: Monsignor Jim Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests
Re: Update #7 - 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:

Human Formation in the Propaedeutic Year

Thursday, November 30

Rev. David Songy, O.F.M.Cap., S.T.D., Psy.D., identifies benchmarks for spiritual, psychological and emotional development in this important phase of priestly formation.

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>.

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. Registration is now open.

Visit <http://www.nocercc.org/registrator> to register.

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/>

**Associate Pastor Workshop
February 5-8, 2018**

Cost: \$600 (excludes travel costs)

Designed for the recently ordained priest, the Associate Pastor Workshop offers a chance to reflect on the first few months of priestly life and ministry.

Participants will engage in continuing formation with the goal of beginning to integrate priestly formation and spirituality into their sacramental configuration to Christ the High Priest. This workshop offers opportunities for formation, reflection, individual and communal prayer in the beautiful setting of St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary.

Register at the following link: <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/calendar/?event=13833>

**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.

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
Boynton Beach, Florida

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

Recently Ordained Workshop

November 13-16, 2017

Cost: \$350

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary's annual workshop is designed to offer recently ordained priests an opportunity for learning, prayer, mutual support and relaxation. This year's workshop will take place November 13-16, 2017 and will welcome speakers Father Arthur Proulx, Father John Horn, and Compass Catholic Ministries. Topics of discussion include Stewardship of Personal Finances and the Art of Spiritual Direction.

Register at the following link: <http://www.svdp.edu/continuing-education>

Priest Winter Institute

January 28-February 2, 2018

Cost: \$725 (excluding travel costs)

This year's topic is "Hearts Gradually Catching Fire" and will feature dynamic speaker Father Thomas Rosica of Salt + Light Media.

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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