



Memo

Date: December 4, 2017
To: Priests
From: Monsignor Jim Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests
Re: Update #8 - 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:

From Toxic to Tolerable: Navigating a Difficult Workplace

Thursday, January 18

Even in pastoral ministry settings, office gossip, lack of transparency, and toxic behavior can be extremely stressful to navigate. Modeling positive, open communication and setting consistent personal and professional boundaries are key to maintaining your own health and resiliency. Emily R. Cash, Psy.D., recommends strategies for thriving in a challenging ministry environment.

When Perfect Isn't Good Enough: Coping with Perfectionism

Thursday, March 15

Perfectionism, in its positive form, is a healthy desire to achieve high standards, and it gives us energy to accomplish great things. In the extreme, however, it can have a negative effect on psychological health and our ability to minister effectively. Maja Triantafilou, M.A., LCPC, explores the origins and impact of perfectionist behavior and offers strategies for managing this tendency in a healthy way.

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.

Online Modules

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. 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>.

Kellogg School of Management Northwestern University

Website: <https://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu>

Faith & Leadership Week

January 29-February 1, 2018

Cost: \$2,000

Many leaders of faith-based institutions recognize the need to supplement their seminary or religious training with the skills needed for effective 21st-century organizational leadership. Designed specifically for such leaders, this residential executive education program offers the opportunity to learn cutting-edge theory and how to apply it in practice, including leadership, strategy, volunteer management, team building, leading change and decision making.

Combining the strengths of Kellogg's world-renowned faculty experts with the experience of leading faith-based practitioners, this four-day program provides a unique, hands-on educational experience. Here, leaders of faith-based institutions can connect with each other, form relationships that span

denominational, geographic, and ethnic boundaries, and work collaboratively toward solutions to their common challenges.

More information and registration is available at <http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/executive-education/individual-programs/nonprofit-programs/np-faith.aspx>

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/registratoron> to register.

St. Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates

St. Meinrad, Indiana

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

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/>

Priest Winter Institute

January 28-February 2, 2018

Cost: \$595 (excluding travel costs)

This year's topic is "Hearts Gradually Catching Fire" and will feature dynamic speaker Father Thomas Rosica of Salt + Light Media. Father Rosica will speak about how to preach homilies that penetrate and transform our people.

Visit <http://www.svdp.edu/continuing-education> to register.

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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