



CONGREGATION FOR THE CLERGY

**Course on the Practice of Priestly Formation
2018 – 2019**



**“If you know these things, blessed are you
if you do them.”
(John 13:17)**

In light of the new *Ratio fundamentalis*,

“The Gift of the Priestly Vocation,”

**the course is offered to all Priests who continue their
own ongoing formation in Rome
and who want:**

To Grow in the awareness of being formators of the People of God and in the capacity to nurture pastoral and priestly vocations in their parishes, in Seminaries and in other diocesan pastoral structures;

To Reread their own history, through an attentive review of life and in light of the gift received, through accepting the impulse of the Spirit to develop their own life as disciples toward the configuration to Christ the Servant and Good Shepherd;

To Deepen their own vocational choice, the profound motivations and specific aspects of their own priestly and ministerial life;

--A precious occasion to **stop, reflect, deepen and assimilate the new *Ratio***;

--A time for **their own priestly formation** and for the **formation to service of vocations and the Clergy**;

--A joyful experience of **fraternity and sharing** with priests from all over the world.

PROGRAMME

Introduction. Welcome and presentation of the program.

Module I: The priest as formator

The whole of the formative course.
Jesus, Model of Educators.
The formator on a journey.
Ideal profile and real profile of the formator.
The formative team, witness of fraternity.

Module II: The person on the journey of formation

Development of the personality. The Personal Project.
Vocational motivations. Formation of the interior man.
Criteria for evaluating the suitability of candidates.
Pastoral charity for seminarians, fatherhood of the formator.

Module III: Scope of priestly formation

The Shepherd, Servant and Priest: Identity of the priestly ministry.
Presentation of the new *Ratio fundamentalis* and documents on formation.
History of seminaries.
Common problems in the seminary.
Formation toward affectivity, chastity and priestly solitude.

Module IV: How to do formation

General principles of formation.
The formative community and the accompaniment of a group.
The statutes, rule and formative itinerary.
Celibacy, poverty and obedience of the priest.
Ongoing formation.
Pastoral care of vocations.
The Propaedeutic Stage.
The philosophy or Discipleship Stage.
The theology or Configuration Stage.
The pastoral stage or Vocational Synthesis.
Personal vocational accompaniment.
Personal accompaniment in spiritual direction.
Synthesis of the course.

Place and Time

The course will be held from October 2018 to May 2019, at the office of the Congregation for the Clergy (Piazza Pio XII, 3 – 2nd floor).

The sessions will take place every Thursday during the academic year in two groups, from which you can choose to join one:

Group A: 15:00 to 16:45 (beginning 11 October)

Group B: 17:00 to 18:45 (beginning 11 October)

The course will also include four Saturdays, from 09:00 to 13:00 (beginning 20 October).

REGISTRATION

Priests are invited to register as early as possible, **however, no later than 11 October.**

Those Priests who intend to register must do so directly to the Congregation for the Clergy, providing:

- A letter from his proper Ordinary or the Rector of a Pontifical College, addressed to His Eminence Beniamino Cardinal STELLA, Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy.
- Documentation regarding studies already completed or a certificate of matriculation in courses in a Pontifical or other university at licentiate level or above.
- One passport photo.
- The annual registration fee: €100.

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