

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE ONGOING FORMATION OF PRIESTS

**“Fan into a flame the gift of God
that you possess” (2 Tim 1:6)**

*The beauty of being disciples today:
a singular, integral, communitarian,
and missionary formation (cfr. RFIS, Intro., 3).*

6 – 10 FEBRUARY 2024

Paul VI Audience Hall – St. Peter’s Basilica

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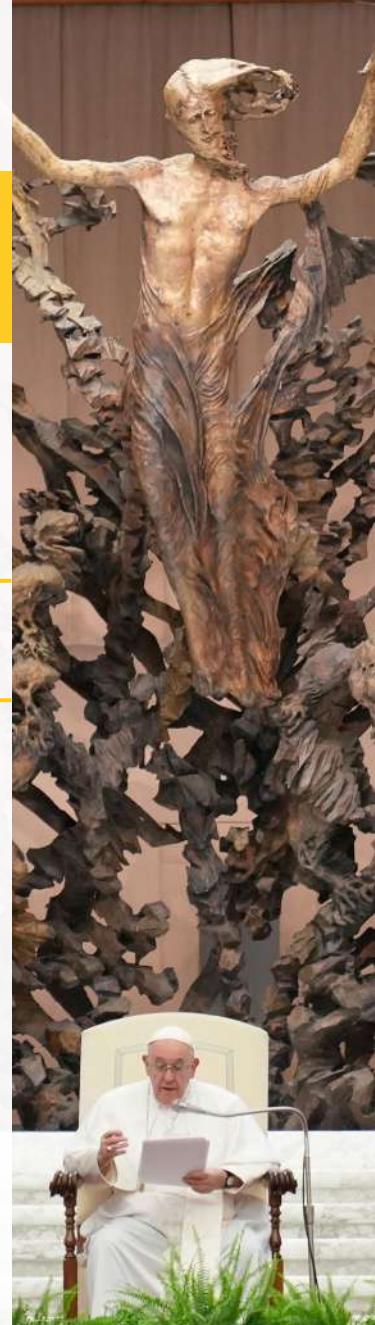
Diocesan/Regional/National representatives
for the ongoing formation of priests,
experts, and interested parties.

Encounter with Pope Francis.

- Sharing of challenges and best practices.
- Presentations from experts.
- Themed workshops per geographical area.
- Liturgical celebrations and other moments of prayer.
- Cultural Events.

A certificate of participation
will be issued at the end of the Conference.

Registration and Information:
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PROGRAM



MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024

15.30-18.30 Registration of participants at the Dicastery Headquarters
Palazzo dei Propilei, Piazza Pio XII 3 (2nd floor)

SINGULAR JOURNEY OF FORMATION

Priests in the face of a changing age within a synodal and missionary Church



TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024

From 8.30 Entry to the **Auditorium Conciliazione** (Via della Conciliazione 4)
Continuation of participant registration

9.45 Opening Prayer
and Introduction by the Prefects of the three sponsoring Dicasteries:
– His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung sik
– His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle
– His Eminence Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti

11.00 Departure from the Auditorium Conciliazione
and access from the *Petriano* entrance (Piazza del Sant'Uffizio)
to St. Peter's Basilica, via the *Porta della Preghiera*

12.00 **Opening Mass at the Altar of the Chair**
Eucharistic Concelebration presided by Cardinal Pietro Parolin,
Secretary of State of His Holiness

13.00 *Break for Lunch*

From 14.30 Entry to the **Auditorium Conciliazione**
First session of the Conference

15.30 Opening Prayer and Introduction to the afternoon theme
Video of Pope Francis

Speeches

I. Priests in a time of change

His Eminence François-Xavier Cardinal Bustillo, Bishop of Ajaccio (France)

II. Identity and ministry of priests in a synodal and missionary Church

Monsignor Severino Dianich, Theologian (Italy)

Time for personal reflection

16.45 Presentation of best practices

17.15 *Coffee break*

17.45 Group discussion

19.00 End of the session

INTEGRAL FORMATION HUMAN, SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL AND PASTORAL DIMENSIONS

Beginning anew from the Source: men of God and men of the Gospel [morning]

Accompaniment: dimensions and pathways to integral formation [afternoon]



WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2024

From 8.30 Entry to the **Auditorium Conciliazione**

Second session of the Conference

9.00 Opening Prayer and Introduction to the morning theme

Video of Pope Francis

Speeches

III. Men of the Gospel: missionary disciples

His Eminence Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi,

President-Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Culture (Vatican City State)

IV. Men of God in our present age: contemplatives in action

Reverend Mother Martha Driscoll, OCSO,

Abbess-Emeritus of the Cistercian Monastery of Gedano (Indonesia)

V. Men of God in our present age: experience of the Eastern Churches

Reverend Deacon Stefano Parenti, Eparchy of Lungro,

Professor at the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm (Italy)

Time for personal reflection

10.30 Presentation of best practices

11.00 *Coffee break*

11.30 Group discussion

13.00 Break for lunch

From 14.30 Entry to **Auditorium Conciliazione**

Third session of the Conference

15.30 Opening Prayer and Introduction to the afternoon theme

Video of Pope Francis

Speeches

VI. Urgent need for an integral formation: the affective dimension

Doctor Chiara D'Urbano, Psychologist and Psychotherapist EMDR (Italy)

VII. Structures and pathways for an integral formation and the prevention of abuse

Reverend Father Hans Zollner, SJ, Director of the Institute

of Anthropology (IADC), Pontifical Gregorian University (Italy)

Time for personal reflection

16.45 Presentation of best practices

17.30 *Coffee break*

18.00 Group discussion

19.15 End of the session

COMMUNITARIAN FORMATION

"Feeling at home": life of the priest and priestly fraternity



THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024

From 8.30 Entry to the **Paul VI Audience Hall**
with access from *Petriano*, Piazza del Sant'Uffizio

9.00 Prayer and testimonies

10.00 **Audience with the Holy Father**

12.00 End of the audience

Break for lunch

From 14.00 Entry to **Auditorium Conciliazione**

Fourth session of the Conference

14.30 Opening Prayer and Introduction to the afternoon theme

Video of Pope Francis

Speeches

VIII. Possibilities and challenges in the life of the priest and priestly fraternity

His Eminence Ángel Sixto Cardinal Rossi, SJ,

Archbishop of Córdoba (Argentina)

IX. Having priests feel "at home":

the role of the Bishop and the diocesan community

His Excellency, the Most Rev. José Romeo Juanito Lazo,

Archbishop of Jaro (Philippines)

Time for personal reflection

15:40 Presentation of best practices

16.15 *Coffee break*

16.45 Group discussion

18.00 Break

18.15 **Screening of the film "Priest"** by Damien Boyer

20.00 End of the film

MISSIONARY FORMATION

Identifying aptitudes and skills for new ways of doing pastoral ministry



FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2024

From 8.30 Entry to the **Auditorium Conciliazione**

Fifth session of the Conference

9.00 Opening Prayer and Introduction to the morning theme

Video of Pope Francis

Speeches

X. *New pastoral challenges: a global perspective*

Reverend Father Guy Bognon, PSS.,

General Secretary of the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle
Dicastery for Evangelisation (Vatican City State)

XI. *Pathways and means for pastoral accompaniment of priests*

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joel Portella Amado,

Bishop of Petrópolis (Brazil)

Time for personal reflection

10.15 Presentation of best practices

10.45 *Coffee break*

11.30 Group discussion

13.00 Break for lunch

From 17.30 Entry to the **Papal Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran**

18.30 **Concert-Meditation on the vocation of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**

Choir of the Diocese of Rome and “Fideles et Amati” Orchestra
directed by Maestro Monsignor Marco Frisina

20.00 End of the concert

CONCLUSION



SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

From 8.30 Entry to the **Auditorium Conciliazione**

Conclusions of the Conference

9.00 Prayer and Video of Pope Francis

9.15 Feedback from the Hall

10.00 Closing discourses by the Prefects of the three sponsoring Dicasteries:

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12.00 **Closing Mass at the Altar of the Chair**

Eucharistic Concelebration presided by Lazzaro You Hueng sik,
Prefect of the Dicastery for the Clergy

13.00 End of the Conference

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

SINGULAR JOURNEY OF FORMATION

Priests in the face of a changing age within a synodal and missionary Church

1. How does the changing age affect priests in my country (geographical and cultural context)?
2. A synodal and missionary Church raises questions about the role of ordained ministers and their relationship with other members of the People of God. What are the challenges? What helps? What remains to be explored?

INTEGRAL FORMATION

Beginning anew from the Source: men of God and men of the Gospel

1. In my country and in my diocese, what helps priests to be witnesses of the Gospel before being teachers? And what is a hindrance?
2. What forms of spiritual life are particularly suitable for priests today?

INTEGRAL FORMATION

Accompaniment: dimensions and pathways to integral formation

1. In my context, what are the challenges and what are the supports for an integral formation (including affectivity) of priests and for the prevention of abuse?
2. What are the most urgent steps to be taken in these two fields?

COMMUNITARIAN FORMATION

“Feeling at home”: life of the priest and priestly fraternity

1. In my experience, what helps priests overcome loneliness and individualism?
2. In my country, what is the state of health of priestly life? What are the obstacles and what are the ways to overcome them?

MISSIONARY FORMATION

Identifying aptitudes and skills for new ways of doing pastoral ministry

1. What are the new pastoral challenges in my context?
2. How do priests prepare to face them?

THE CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

Personal reflection and group meetings with *the conversation in the Spirit*

PERSONAL REFLECTION/PREPARATION 10 minutes

Time for personal reflection on the questions, in preparation for the Group Meetings

At around mid-Session the participants will have a moment of personal reflection on the two questions highlighted after the presentation of the Reports of the Session.

Towards the end of this reflection, participants weigh the fruits which emerged and decide what to share in the group meeting later on in the Session.

GROUP MEETINGS - PROCESS

TAKING THE WORD AND LISTENING

First Round 3 minutes per person

With the help of a Facilitator, the group is assembled and the meeting begins. Each person in turn shares, for 3 minutes per person, the fruits of what happened during the personal preparation time on the two questions, and listens carefully to who is speaking. There is no discussion or interaction between participants at this time, except to ask for clarification of a word or phrase if necessary.

MAKING SPACE FOR OTHERS AND THE OTHER

Second Round 3 minutes per person

After a moment of silence, participants share what emerged in them from listening to others in the first round. This is not a time to discuss or refute what someone else says, nor to bring up what participants forgot to mention in the first round. This is a time to share about: ● How was I affected by what I heard? ● Was I particularly touched by a specific sharing? Is there something missing that I expected to be said? ● Did I receive a particular insight or understanding? What is it about? ● Where did I experience a sense of harmony with others as we shared? Is there a common thread?

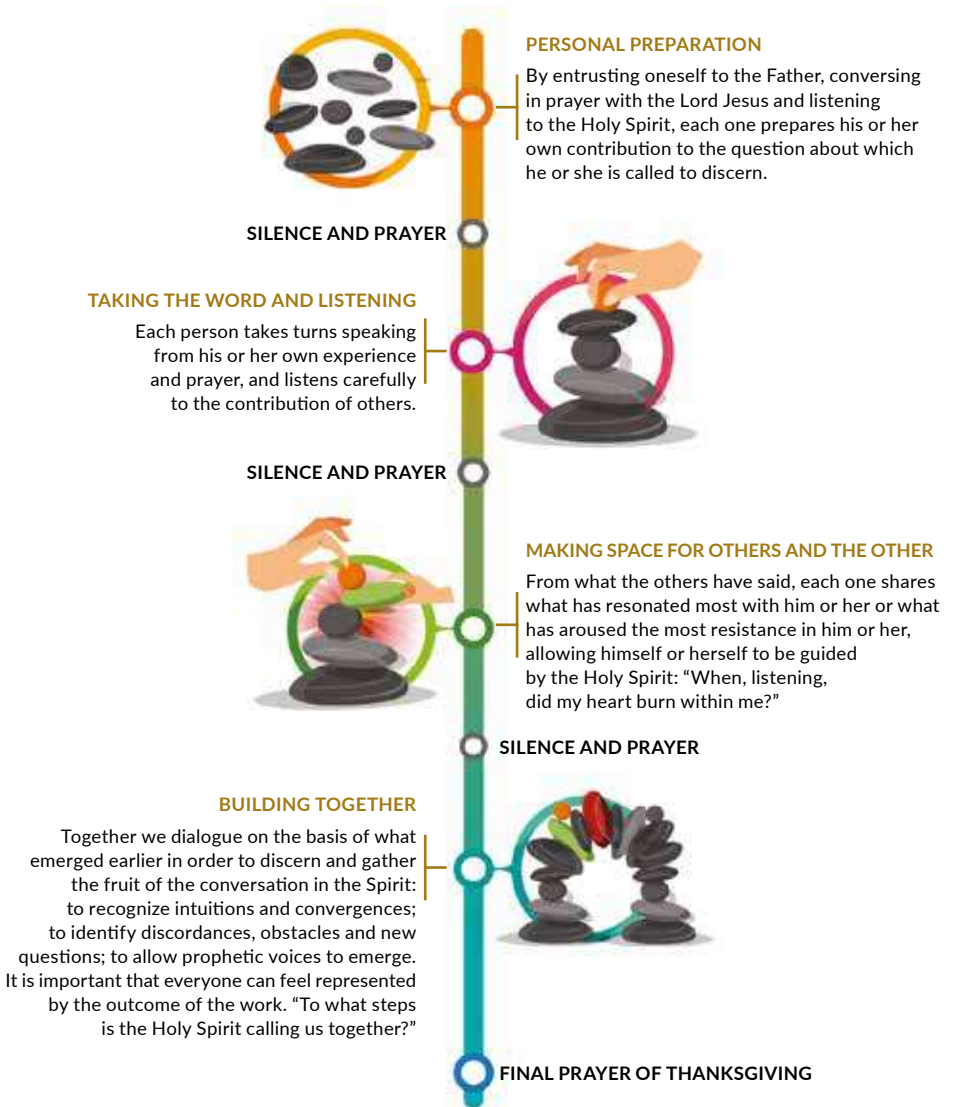
BUILDING TOGETHER

Third Round 25 minutes

After another moment of silence, participants share in an open dialogue, moderated by the facilitator, what has transpired. During the dialogue they reflect together on how the conversation unfolded and decide on the main points that they will write down in a few words in the padlet that will be provided:

- ▶ Three open challenges
- ▶ Three paths that should be taken
- ▶ Good practices that have emerged

The conversation in the Spirit: a dynamic of discernment in the synodal Church





Objective: The International Conference aims to initiate a shared process with local Churches, in order to strengthen the ongoing formation and accompaniment of priests, taking into consideration the results of the recent survey sent to Bishops' Conferences Worldwide contributions from participants before and during the Conference, and the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* "The gift of the priestly vocation".

Addressed to: diocesan/regional/national referents for the ongoing formation of priests, together with experts and those with an invested interest in the subject matter.

At the end of the conference, participants will receive a certificate of participation.



Note: With regard to the celebration of daily Mass suggestions shall soon be forthcoming with respect to times and locations.

Each session will include:

- Brief introduction, video of Pope Francis, prayer;
- Two presentations (based on the results of the survey);
- Personal time for reflection on questions related to the theme, in preparation for the Groups;
- Possibility to share reactions via an App;
- Presentation of good practices;
- Sharing by language groups and geographical areas, led by a facilitator;
- In the morning of Saturday, 10 February 2024, sharing in the general assembly.

Attendance fee

€ 150,00 (full)

€ 75,00 (for student priests)

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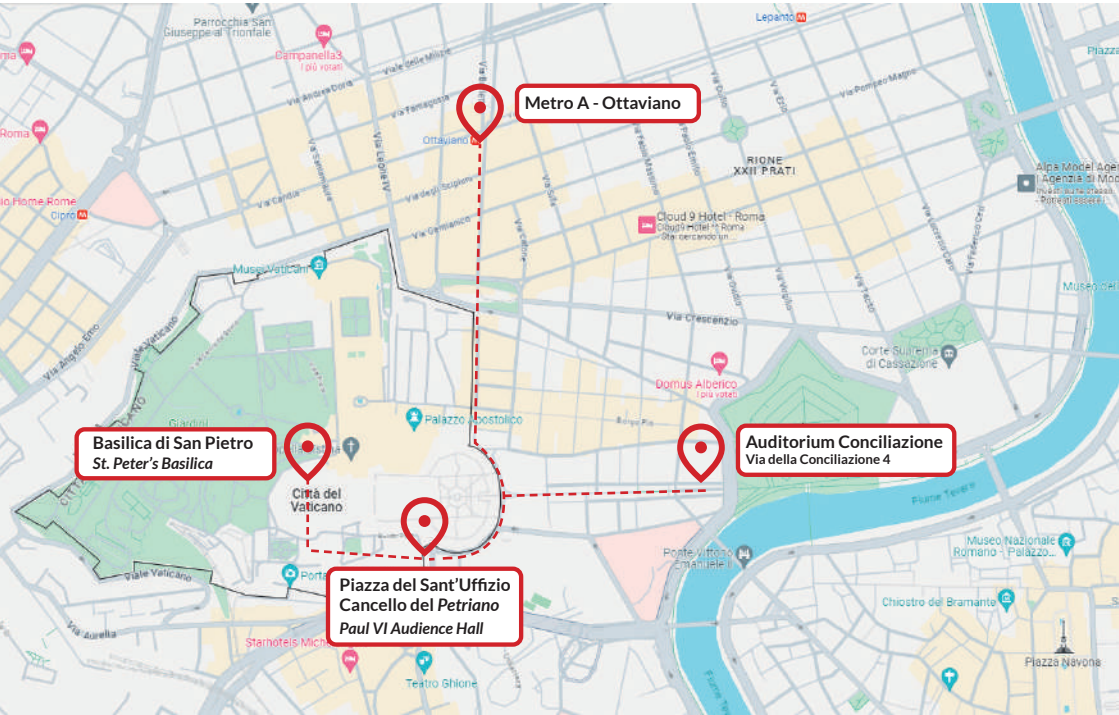
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