

Ongoing Priestly Formation

The ongoing formation of priests is first of all a work of God's spirit within the life of a priest. Ongoing formation is founded upon the truth that every Christian is called to continual rebirth into the fullness of life in Christ Jesus. This is a life long process. Integrating the call of Christ in his life as foundational to the life of a priest, who he is and what he does, is engendered, fostered and guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit. The program for ongoing priestly formation understands priests as human beings, called from among the people of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, and members of the Order of Presbyter. The aim of ongoing priestly formation is to promote an integral process of constant growth in the life of a priest: developing professionally and deepening each aspect of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. This is so that the priest may pursue his pastoral ministry with zeal and dedication.

- co-ordinate annual Advent Afternoon of Recollection
- co-ordinate annual Lenten Afternoon of Recollection
- plan annual diocesan retreat for priests and promote retreat possibilities
- plan study seminars and workshops
- organize annual Clergy Day seminar
- assist priests in planning sabbaticals
- assist priests in planning part-time studies
- collaborate with diocesan departments and agencies in planning joint programs of continuing education and formation with deacons, men and women of consecrated life, parish ministers and laity
- organize annual Presbyteral Assembly