CONTINUING FORMATION RESOURCES

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Audible. An Amazon-owned company that provides thousands of book titles on an array of subjects that can be accessed by your computer, smartphone, tablet or other device. A subscription costs $14.95/mo. For more information please visit their website: www.audible.com.

Boston College—School of Theology and Ministry
https://www.bc.edu/schools/stm.html

Capuchin Retreat (Washington, MI)—Retreats and days of reflection.
http://www.capretreat.org/

Catholic Home Study—A ministry of the Vincentians and the Knights of Columbus. A resource for basic catechesis and review. Digital content is free, while a donation is requested for books. For more information please visit https://www.catholichomestudy.org/

Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, Illinois)—Seminars, workshops, courses.
www.ctu.edu

- Mark your calendar for these important events:
  - Sundays at CTU: Sunday, September 22, 2019
    - 2 PM Mass
    - 3 PM—Special Screening of Documentary Film *Hesburgh*, with Rev. Kevin Sandberg CSC, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame
  - Duns Scotus Chair Lecture—“Asian Slavery in the Americas: Franciscanism, Race and Identity in the Asian American Experience.” Dr. Linh Hoang, OFM., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Siena College (NY). Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 4:00 PM
  - *Messenger of Peace*. A 90-minute production of stories and original art and music on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Presented by Chiesa Nuova. Saturday, October 19, 2019, 8:00 PM.

- Free online audio and video presentations, as well as articles and essays at www.learn.ctu.edu.

- Online degree programs include the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) and the Master of Arts in Hispanic Theology and Ministry. For more information about CTU’s
distance education programs, contact Recruitment via phone at (773) 371-5450 or via e-mail at recruit@ctu.edu. Several Master of Arts degrees now available 100% online:

- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
- Master of Arts in Liturgical Ministry
- Master of Arts in Hispanic Theology
- Ministry Master of Arts in Justice Ministry
- Master of Arts in Biblical Ministry (some residency required)

- Biblical Studies Programs—For more information, contact Sr. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ via phone at (773) 371-5436 or via e-mail at CTUTravel@ctu.edu.

- Doctor of Ministry Program—For more information, contact Ed Foley at edmin@ctu.edu or visit the website: http://www.ctu.edu/DMin

- Certificate Programs—A great way to develop additional expertise in a particular area of ministry.
  - Certificates are available in a variety of areas: Asian Pastoral Theology and Ministry; Biblical Spirituality; Black Theology and Ministry; Health Care Mission Leadership; Hispanic Theology and Ministry; Intercultural Studies; Interreligious Studies; Liturgical Studies; Mission Studies; Pastoral Studies; Spiritual Formation; Spirituality.
  - For more information, visit the website: http://www.ctu.edu/academics/certificates

Catholic University of America

- Online programs include Masters in Catechesis, Licentiate in Canon Law, Certificate in Christian-Muslim Relations and D.Mins. in Evangelization, Spirituality, and Liturgical Catechesis.

- For more information, please visit the website: https://www.catholic.edu/academics/online/index.html

Center for Action and Contemplation (Albuquerque, NM). Founded by Richard Rohr, OFM, this center offers a variety of live and online programs, including the following courses: Mary Magdalene: Apostle for Our Times (Cynthia Bourgeault); Interior Castle (James Finley and Mirabai Starr); Breathing Under Water: A Spiritual Study of the 12 Steps (Richard Rohr, OFM); Immortal Diamond: A Study in Search of the True Self (Richard Rohr, OFM); The Franciscan Way: Beyond the Bird Bath (Richard Rohr, OFM) and Introductory Wisdom School (Cynthia Bourgeault). Podcasts include Richard Rohr’s Another Name for Everything (Love). For more information, please visit www.cac.org.

Collegeville Institute. The menu of programs includes: Residency Programs; Writing Workshops; Research Seminars; Fellows Program; and Faith and Writing. For more information, please visit their website: www.collegevilleinstitute.org

Eastern Mennonite University—Offers a host of graduate certificate programs in a variety of areas, including Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding, Transformative Leadership, and
Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments. For more information, please visit their website: [https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs](https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs)

FORMED—Website sponsored by the Augustine Institute. Features a wide variety of media (books, hand-outs, videos, CDs/DVD’s, etc.) in English and Spanish that can be purchased or accessed online via subscription. For more information, please visit their website: [https://formed.org](https://formed.org)

Franciscan Intellectual Tradition—A rich online resource for the writings of Saints Francis and Clare and other foundational documents. For more information, please visit [https://www.franciscantradition.org/](https://www.franciscantradition.org/)

Franciscan Media—A source for a variety of resources, including online features like Saint of the Day, Meditations, *St. Anthony Messenger*, and a variety of books. New titles include: *The Franciscan Saints* (Robert Ellsberg) and *All Play in God’s Creation: An Illuminating Coloring Book*. *Minute Meditations* include: “Good Work is Like a Prayer,” “God Cannot Be Replaced,” and “Mysticism of the Streets.” Please visit their website: [https://blog.franciscanmedia.org/minute-meditations](https://blog.franciscanmedia.org/minute-meditations)

Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs—Provide specialized programs for pilgrimages to Rome and Assisi, Central California Missions, and the Holy Land. For more information, please call (414) 427-0570 X223 or visit their website: [http://www.franciscanpilgrimages.com/index.html](http://www.franciscanpilgrimages.com/index.html)

Franciscan School of Theology (Oceanside, CA), affiliated with the University of San Diego—[www.fst.edu](http://www.fst.edu).

Franciscan University (Steubenville, OH)—[www.franciscan.edu](http://www.franciscan.edu).

General Secretariat for Formation (OFM Cap.)—formatzione@ofmcap.org; [www.ofmcap.org](http://www.ofmcap.org)

Georgetown University Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. Presents programs promoting substantive and civil dialog on some of the great issues facing the Church, nation and world today. For more information and to view videos of past conferences, panel presentations, etc. please visit [https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/](https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/)

The Great Courses—Features a variety of subjects taught by some of the top professors in the world. Courses are available in video and audio downloads as well as DVD and audio CD formats and include a free guidebook. New releases currently on sale include: *Warriors, Queens and Intellectuals: 36 Great Women Before 1400* (Joyce E. Salisbury); *Play Ball! The Rise of Baseball as America’s Pastime* (Bruce Markusen); and *Years That Changed History: 1215* (Dorsey Armstrong). For more information please visit their website: [www.thegreatcourses.com](http://www.thegreatcourses.com), 1-800-832-2412.
Guest House (Lake Orion, MI) – www.guesthouse.org
- Licensed and certified residential treatment center that specializes in treating priests, religious, seminarians.
- Services include comprehensive evaluation, intensive in-patient treatment, three-phase continuing care and follow-up, and consultation for community leadership and formation personnel.
- Educational programs (presentations and workshops) available in a variety of topics, including addiction and risk management, addiction and trauma, and intervention.

Institute for Sexuality Studies—Provides a number of programs for personal and professional development in human sexuality for life and ministry. For more information, contact Dr. Kevin McClone (former friar) at (847) 920-0227 or visit the ISS website, www.issmcclone.com. Liturgy Training Publications—Features a variety of resources for parish and personal use. https://www.ltp.org/

Johnson Institute (Senior Adult Ministry)—“Creative Faith Formation for Boomers and Elders.” DVD programs include: Even Better After 50, Redefining Retirement as a Spiritual Journey, and 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality: Powerful Lessons in Living Ageslessly. For more information, please visit: https://www.senioradultministry.com/collections/dvd-programs

Josephite Pastoral Center (Washington, DC). Religious congregation with special mission to the Black Catholic community. The website features a variety of resources: http://www.josephitepastoralcenter.org/

Lighthouse Catholic Media—Books, CD’s and MP3’s on a variety of topics. New releases include: Totally His: Living in the Love of the Father (Sr. Bethany Madonna); Letter to the Youth by Pope John Paul II (Dr. Christopher Blum); and Shakespeare the Catholic (Joseph Pearce). For more information, please visit their website: https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/releases

Mexican American Catholic College (San Antonio, TX)—Office of Continuing Education for Ministry features a variety of continuing ed. and degree programs dedicated to pastoral ministry in the Mexican American community. http://www.maccsa.org/
- Intensive Pastoral Spanish
  - 2019: September 16-October 11, October 14-November 8; November 11-22
  - 2020: January 13-February 7, February 10-March 6, March 16-April 9, April 20-May 1, June 8-July 2, July 6-31.

Monasteries of the Heart—“an online movement sharing Benedictine Spirituality with contemporary seekers.” Includes a variety of videos, retreats, daily reflections, etc. Please visit https://www.monasteriesoftheheart.org/
National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management (Washington, DC)—Programs include Catholic Leadership 360, ChurchEpedia, Standards for Excellence and Toolbox for Pastoral Management. http://www.theleadershiproundtable.org/TLR/default.asp

Now You Know Media (Rockville, MD)—Resource for a variety of Catholic audio and video programs in several formats (CD, DVD, MP3), including a number of Franciscan topics. Presenters include Capuchin friars from the Province of St. Joseph. New releases include: America’s Religious History (Peter A. Huff, Ph.D.); Your Spiritual Workout: Daily Exercises to Keep Your Faith Healthy (Tim Muldoon, Ph.D.); The Secrets to Making It Work: The Art and Science of Hope-filled Relationships (Everett Wortington, Ph.D.). For more information, please visit their website: https://www.nowyouknowmedia.com/

Oblate School of Theology (San Antonio, TX)
- Graduate school of theology offering a variety of degrees, including M.Div., M.A (Theology), M.A. (Spirituality), M.A. (Pastoral Ministry), D.Min. and Ph.D.
- Forest Dwelling: Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years—Two-year certificate program includes an annual 2-week gathering, directed online study, small groups, spiritual direction, and regular contemplative practice. Directed by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. For more information, please visit their website www.ost.edu/forestdwelling or call 210-341-1366.
- Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership. Offers courses, lectures, symposia, workshops, etc. OST’s ATS-accredited degree programs (above) can include an emphasis on African-American Pastoral Leadership. For more information, please visit www.ost.edu/sankofa-institute
- Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX. Offers masters and doctoral-level degrees in Spirituality as well as a Spirituality and Healthcare Education Program. Specialty certificate programs include: De Mazenod Institute for Parish Renewal, Hispanic Summer Program and the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership. For more information please visit their website: https://ost.edu/specialized-programs/
- Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program—Especially designed for seasoned ministers, including those who have been in leadership. Fall (August-December) and Spring (January-May) sessions available. For more information, please visit www.ost.edu/mtm

Office for Preaching and Evangelization, Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. http://www.scatteringseeds.org/ For more information, contact Bill Cieslak, Director at wcieslak@thecapuchins.org.

Pontifical North American College (Rome) – www.pnac.org
- Institute for Continuing Theological Education—sabbatical programs
  o Fall 2019 Modules
Saints of Umbria: Saints Benedict and Francis, Guides for Our Turbulent Times (August 26-20)
Scripture in the Life of the Priest (September 23-October 11)
The Art of Renaissance in Rome and Florence: Inspirations for Preaching (October 14-November 8)
2020 Spring Sabbatical Program (January 20-April 6)

Religious Brothers Conference (RBC). For more information, please visit the RBC website: www.todaysbrother.com

Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit, MI)—The major seminary for the Archdiocese of Detroit and used by a variety of other dioceses.
- Certificate in the Catholic Theology (for those who might want a refresher on some of the foundations of our faith; 6 courses, 13 credits online). For more information, please visit the website: https://www.shms.edu/content/certificate-catholic-theology
- Licentiate in Sacred Theology in the New Evangelization—a “blended” program that is mostly online but also requires a 5-week residential summer session for each of 4 years. For more information, please visit the website: https://www.shms.edu/stl

Sacred Heart School of Theology (Hales Corners, WI) – www.shsst.edu
- Provides academic preparation for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and a number of other dioceses. Offers a variety of semester-long courses for continuing education (credit or audit). For more information, contact Julie O’Connor, Registrar, at joconnor@shsst.edu.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Focus on accent modification, reading, writing, listening, multicultural awareness and assimilation. For more information, please visit www.shsst.edu/esl

Saint Luke Institute (Silver Spring, MD)
- SLI provides evaluation, counseling and inpatient programs to address a variety of addictions and mental health and behavioral health issues. www.sli.org
  - Caritas Counseling Center—Provides therapy, assessments, education and skills-building. For more information, please visit www.caritas-sli.org
- SLI Connect—https://www.sliconnect.org/ Features a wide variety of courses, workshops, articles, etc. in a variety of formats that focus on healthy human formation. They also have a set of archived webinars.
  - The next live webcast will be: Managing Up, Down & Sideways (Tasha Dorsey, Psy.D.). Strategies for developing healthy interdependence between community leaders and members. October 17, 2019, 1:00-2:00 PM Eastern.
- Saint Luke Consultation Center (St. Louis, MO) – Evaluation, counseling, intensive outpatient programs for Catholic clergy and religious. For more information, please visit www.stlconsult.org
Saint Luke Center (Louisville, KY)—Provides therapy, spiritual direction, leadership consultation, candidate assessments and educational programs. For more information, please visit www.stlukecenter.org

Caritas Counseling Center

Saint John Vianney Center (Dowingtown PA)—The oldest treatment center for Roman Catholic clergy and religious in the USA (est. 1946). Provides a wide array of treatment and educational programs to address a variety of addictions and mental health and behavioral health issues, including alcoholism and other drug addictions, stress, depression, anxiety, process addictions (gambling, pornography, etc.). For more information, please visit www.SJVCenter.org

School of Applied Theology (SAT), Oakland, CA. Sabbatical and summer continuing formation programs. For more information, please visit their website: http://www.satgtu.org/

Spanish Language Resources Available for Borrowing from the Continuing Formation Office*

- Duolingo.com—Online interactive exercises that help build vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar.
- Rosetta Stone Español (Levels 1-5)
- Pimsleur Approach Spanish (Levels I-IV)
* Thanks to Bill Hugo and Tony Scannell for making these available!

St. Anthony Spirituality Center (Marathon, WI)—Features a variety of day, evening and weekend programs, including retreats. Visit their website: www.sarcenter.com.

St. Bonaventure University Franciscan Institute (St. Bonaventure, NY)—For general information, visit www.sbu.edu/academics/schools/franciscan-studies or contact David Couturier, OFM Cap., Dean of School of Franciscan Studies, dcouturi@sbu.edu.

- The Padua Program—Designed to help Franciscan institutions and ministries transmit the values of St. Francis and St. Clare to a new generation of lay leaders. It may also be helpful as a “train the trainers” program for those who work with our employees, volunteers and benefactors. The next cohort for this one-year program will start this fall.
  - 3-Day in-person sessions → Next cohort at St. Francis U. in Joliet, IL on September 26-28, 2019
  - 1-year access to online courses and resources
  - $3800 per person
  - For more information, please visit www.paduaprogram.org

St. Joseph College (online programs). Based in Maine, this school offers a host of online certificate programs, including: Catholic Catechesis; Pastoral Ministry to Black Catholics; and Pastoral Ministry to Latino Catholics. For more information, please visit: https://www.sjcme.edu/academics/areas_of_study/online/
St. Mary’s Seminary and University Center for Continuing Formation (Baltimore, MD) –
www.stmarys.edu/center
  • Personal self-designed sabbatical programs.
  • Spiritual Direction 101 (September 10-13, 2019)—A conference that offers new 
    spiritual directors theological basics and core practices for effective spiritual direction. 
    Cost: $600. For more information, please call the Center for Continuing Formation at 
    410-864-4102.

St. Meinrad Seminary (St. Meinrad, IN). The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates features a 
variety of different programs, including Effective Pastoring, Encore Priests (pre-retirement 
workshops for priests over age 60), and the World Priest Program—Accent and Acculturation 
for Mission Priests. The seminary also has a variety of certificate programs, including: 
Certificate in Religious Fundraising, Certificates in Reflective Practices, and Certificate in 
Spiritual Direction. For more information, visit https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/continuing-
formation/
  • Stoking the Fire Mini-Sabbatical—ongoing formation for priests in mid-life. For more 
    information, please visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/mini-sabbatical
  • Certificate in Spiritual Direction—An 18-credit, 3-year program that includes course 
    work, supervision, formation, regular spiritual direction and an annual retreat. For 
    more information, please visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/spirit

St. Xavier University (New Orleans, LA)—Institute for Black Catholic Studies provides 
programs, particularly a Masters of Theology (M.Th.) degree, for those especially interested 
in ministering more effectively in the Black Catholic community. For more information, visit 
http://www.xula.edu/ibcs/ or call (504) 520-7536.

University of Notre Dame.
  • Notre Dame Preaching Academy—a one-year program that includes workshops, a 
    retreat, personal coaching, personal enrichment, monthly peer learning gatherings. 
    For more information, please visit https://theology.nd.edu/martenprogram

University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein, IL)—The major seminary for the Archdiocese of 
Chicago and used by a variety of other dioceses. For more information, visit their Center for 
for Continuing Formation: http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/

Word on Fire Institute—A ministry that began with Bishop Robert Barron. Features a wide 
variety of media (videos, podcasts, books, DVDs, study kits, etc.) on Catholicism, scripture, 
evangelization and current topics. Bishop Barron’s books include: Letter to a Suffering 
Church; Seeds of the Word: Finding God in the Culture; and Vibrant Paradoxes: The Both/And 
of Catholicism. For more information, please visit their website: www.wordonfire.org
BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE FRIARS AND OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY


Margaret Benefiel, *The Soul of a Leader* (Crossroad 2008).


RedoDiscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose (Beacon 2010).


John O’Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us (A Book of Blessings)* (Doubleday 2008).


Pope Francis
  - *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*
  - *Gaudate et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad): On the Call to Holiness in Today’s World*
  - *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*
    http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Richard Rohr, OFM.


Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), *Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (Bilingual—Eng./Sp.)* (2014).

** Do you have an idea to share with the Province on how our communities and fraternities can share in continuing formation opportunities? Please share them with us!

*If you have a course, seminar, book or other continuing formation opportunity to recommend, please contact John Celichowski, Director of Continuing Formation, at jscelichowski@gmail.com.*