

Office of Continuing Formation
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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Dear Brothers:

Peace and all good! With the beginning of another year, it is time for us to begin to prepare our personal, community, office, and ministry budgets for FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023). Among these are our budgets for Continuing Formation.

The *Ratio Formationis* of our Order recalls:

The iconic gospel event of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) presents two companions who, after the death of Jesus, are on their way out of Jerusalem...He transforms their sadness into joy and continues to do so for his disciples and those who announce his kingdom. From the principles of Emmaus, we learn that it is always possible to start afresh, that we must never consider our formation as complete. The whole person is subject to renewal at every state of life. That is why ongoing formation...is a necessary and intrinsic part of our vocation (181, 182).

Please consider a plan and budget for your continuing formation this coming fiscal year!

We again invite *communities* to submit requests for continuing formation. If you are a local minister and would like to organize a community outing, purchase a set of DVDs or a streaming subscription for a video lecture series, host a small play by local artists, or set up a book club for the friars in your house or area to read and discuss a compelling work of literature, please feel free to do so. Feel free to be creative, keeping in mind our vows and the principle of "the minimum necessary, not the maximum allowed."

You will find that the format of the Continuing Formation Budget Request Form is virtually the same as that of previous years. *Please submit your Continuing Formation Budget Form by February 15, 2021.* It may be submitted via e-mail or "snail mail" (USPS). If you have any questions or concerns about the form or process, please do not hesitate to contact me at jscelichowski@gmail.com or (805) 688-5630 Ext. 235. Thanks for your consideration and for your efforts to grow as a friar and minister in the Church.

Fraternally yours,



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