

## 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 3-month trial subscription is available. For more information, please visit their website: [www.audible.com](http://www.audible.com).

**Babbel**—A popular program for those for whom English is a primary language to learn more than a dozen other languages, including Spanish, English, French, Indonesian, Polish, and Portuguese. The lessons are short and can be customized according to the learner's abilities and goals. For more information, including re: subscriptions, please visit: <https://www.babbel.com/>

**The Bible Project**—Features short and informative animated overviews of the books of the Bible as well as prominent biblical themes. <https://bibleproject.com/>

**Bibliographia Franciscana**. Sponsored by the *Instituto Storico Dei Cappuccini* (Capuchin Historical Institute). Systematic collection of bibliographic references of main works in Franciscan research in multiple languages. The digital version has works published since 2016. For more information, please visit <http://www.istcap.org/bibliographia-franciscana.html>

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

- **STM Online: Crossroads**—Affordable online courses for adult enrichment and faith formation. For more information, please visit: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads/about.html>

**Canon Law Society of America**. "Professional association dedicated to the study and application of canon law in the Catholic church." Books include codes, advisory opinions, and general studies in the areas of religious life, marriage, etc. *The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Code of Canon Law (including revised Book VI) is now available*. For more information, please visit: <https://clsa.org/>

**CAPDOX**—A rich online resource of official and historical Capuchin documents, many translated into English from the original languages. For more information, please visit: <https://www.capdox.capuchin.org.au/>

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

**Catholic Distance University**—An ATS (Association of Theological Schools)-accredited online school that offers more affordable undergraduate and graduate courses, certificates, and

degrees, including MA degrees in Theology and graduate certificates for Catholic Educators and in Sacred Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and Church History. For more information, please visit <https://cdu.edu/>

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 Leadership Institute—Pastoral leadership formation and consulting services to enhance, vision, mission, and ministry. For more information, please visit: <https://catholicleaders.org/>

Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, Illinois)—Seminars, workshops, courses.  
[www.ctu.edu](http://www.ctu.edu)

- For a list of events at CTU and more information about those listed below, please visit: <https://ctu.edu/events/>
  - April 8, 2024—Spring Shapiro Lecture: *It's Complicated: Network Analysis and Jewish-Christian Relationships in the Babylonian Talmud* (Dr. Michal Bar-Asher Siegal)
  - April 18, 2024—CSCL Spring Symposium. The Center for the Study of Consecrated Life and the National Black Sisters Conference present “Moving Along the Arc: Women and Men Religious as Agents of Reconciliation and Transformative Action Towards a More Racially Just Church and World.” Keynote address by Fr. Bryan Massingale.
  - May 8, 2024—*Varieties of Jewish Cultures* (presentation by S.R. (Sasha) Goldstein and panel featuring Daniella L. Farah, Ari Ariel, and Daniel J. Schroeter)
  - May 9, 2024—Schreiter Institute 2024 Spring Symposium on Reconciliation.
- *Preaching with the Sciences*. Directed by Edward Foley, OFM Cap., and supported by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. Provides homily outlines for Sundays, solemnities, and feasts across the three-year Lectionary cycle to highlight “some of the ways that sciences and the contemporary search for religious meaning can interface.” For more information or for the link to access outlines, please visit <https://ctu.edu/initiatives/preaching-with-the-sciences/>
- Learn@CTU--Updated free online audio and video presentations, as well as articles and essays at [www.learn.ctu.edu](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:CTUTravel@ctu.edu).
- Doctor of Ministry Program—For more information, please 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 master's degrees and/or certificates in Catechesis, Catholic Clinical Ethics, Canon Law (JCL), Ecclesial Administration and Management, Christian-Muslim Relations, Creative Teaching Through Drama, and D.Min. 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*; *Interior Castle*; *Breathing Under Water: A Spiritual Study of the 12 Steps*; *Immortal Diamond: A Study in Search of the True Self*; *The Franciscan Way: Beyond the Bird Bath* and *Introductory Wisdom School*. Podcasts include Richard Rohr's *Another Name for Everything* (Love) and Fr. Rohr's homilies. Podcasts include Fr. Rohr's *Another Name for Everything*. Audio programs include *Exploring the Contemplative Dimensions of Healing Trauma* (James Finley). For more information about their upcoming and archived online programs, please visit: <https://cac.org/online-education/>

Center for Courage & Renewal. Founded by Parker Palmer, Rick & Marcy Jackson, the CCR's mission is "to create a more just, compassionate and healthy world by nurturing personal and professional integrity and the courage to act on it." <https://couragerenewal.org/>

- Programs for clergy and people of faith include:
  - *Geography of Grace*
  - *The Soul of Aging*
  - *Flourishing in Ministry*
  - *Courage to Lead* (for Young Clergy and Community Innovators)

Center for Humane Technology. Dedicated to limiting the harms of social media, artificial intelligence, and other tools of modern communication. For more information and to subscribe to their newsletter, *The Catalyst*, please visit: <https://www.humanetech.com/>

CHARIS, Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service. Promotes the three primary marks of the charismatic movement: baptism in the Holy Spirit, Christian unity (ecumenism), and service to the poor. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charis.international/en/>

Collegeville Institute. For more information, please visit:

<https://collegevilleinstitute.org/writing-workshops/current-writing-workshops/>

*Collegio Internazionale San Lorenzo da Brindisi*. The principal residence and fraternity of Capuchin friars studying at the various schools in Rome. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.collegiosanlorenzo.com/>

Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)— <https://www.cmsm.org/>

Creighton University, Omaha. <https://www.creighton.edu>

- M.A. in Christian Spirituality—Hybrid (in-person, online) program with a 4-5 in-person summer session. Degree can be completed in 3 years. 50% tuition discount available for all students. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.creighton.edu/academics/programs/christian-spirituality-ma>

Crux. News about the Catholic Church from correspondents throughout the world, including Editor John L. Allen, Jr. who delivered the keynote address at Provincial Chapter 2023.

Features Allen's podcast, *Last Week in the Church*. <https://cruxnow.com/>

Durham University Centre for Catholic Studies (UK)—For more information on programs, please visit: <https://www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk/>

Eastern Mennonite University—Offers a host of graduate certificate programs in a variety of areas, including Conflict Transformation, Faith-Based Peacebuilding, Transformative Leadership, Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship, and Restorative Justice. For more information, please visit: <https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs>

Eucharistic Revival—The information and formation hub for the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress, which will be held July 17-21, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

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. An individual subscription is \$100/yr. or \$9.99/mo. For more information, please visit their website: <https://formed.org>

Franciscan Connections—"An international Franciscan blog that connects, communicates, and conveys the best of Franciscan learning in the twenty-first century." For more information, please visit their website: <https://franciscanconnections.com/index1.php?pid=1>

Franciscan Intellectual Tradition—A rich and recently updated online resource for the writings of Saints Francis and Clare and other foundational documents. Features include: Pope Francis and Francis of Assisi, Writings of Francis and Clare, Franciscan Heritage Series, Custodians of the Tradition, and the *Franciscan Connections* blog. For more information, please visit: <https://digitalcollections.franciscantradition.org/>

Franciscan Journey Institute—Old Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA

- Short Course—*Franciscan Economic Thought* (Bill Short, OFM). June 17-24, 2024. Cost: \$1600 (tuition, fees, room and board).
- Short Course—*Franciscan Ways of Knowing* (Russel Murray, OFM). June 10-14, 2024. Cost: \$1600 (tuition, fees, room and board).
- For more information, please contact Keith Warner, OFM at [kwarnar@friars.us](mailto:kwarnar@friars.us)

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. The website features a Saint of the Day, the *Franciscan Spirit* blog, and Minute Meditations, which can be sent via e-mail every day. Subscription resources include *Sunday Homily Helps* and *Weekday Homily Helps*. For more information about this and other resources, please visit: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

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>

Franciscan Renewal Center (Scottsdale, AZ). Provides retreats, conferences, and other events. Hosts the semi-annual meeting of the NAPCC. For more information, please visit: <https://www.thecasa.org/>

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

- Franciscan Zoom Lecture Series
  - *Laudato Sí @ 10 Years*
    - April 18, 2024—*Laudato Sí and Energy Transition: Perspectives from Working with Frontline Communities in New Mexico*
  - Archived episodes are available at the FST EDU1 YouTube page. If you subscribe to this page, you will be sent a notice of upcoming lectures. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-CjzPcy5G2jGidR138uvQQ>
- New Certificate Programs at FST
  - Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Catholic Ministry

- Certificate in Hispanic Catholic Ministry, *Haciendo Caminos*, “Making Pathways”
- Online Master of Theological Studies—Franciscan Theology. In collaboration with the University of San Diego. For the curriculum and additional information, please visit: <https://onlinedegrees.sandiego.edu/masters-theological-studies/classes/>
- <https://www.fst.edu/degrees-programs/continuing-education/>

**Franciscan Spiritual Center (Milwaukie, OR)—** [www.francisspctr.com](http://www.francisspctr.com)

- **Franciscan Spiritual Direction Training Program—A 2-year certificate program that focuses on deep listening in a Franciscan environment. Facilitated by Sr. Mary Jo Chaves and Eileen Parfrey. Cost: \$2000/yr. For more information, please contact via email at [info@francisspctr.com](mailto:info@francisspctr.com) or via phone at (503) 794-8542.**

**Franciscan Spirituality Center (La Crosse, WI)—** [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org)

- **Spiritual Direction Preparation Program—A three-year hybrid program sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) designed to train ministers in the art and skills of spiritual direction. Application deadline for Cohort 18 (2024-2026) is June 1, 2024. For more information, please contact Steve Spilde at (608) 791-5297 or [sspilde@fspa.org](mailto:sspilde@fspa.org).**

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

- School of Online Programming features a host of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including MAs in Catholic Studies and Catholic Leadership. For more information, please visit: <https://online.franciscan.edu/>
- The Leadership Institute at Franciscan University—“Forms highly skilled Catholic leaders to be witnesses of truth, reason, and virtue in the marketplace, in the Church, and in the broader culture.” Leadership videos are available online. For more information, please visit: <https://franciscan.edu/leadership-institute>

**General Secretariat for Formation (OFM Cap.)—**[formatzione@ofmcap.org](mailto: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 and panel presentations, please visit: <https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/>

- **Archived Public Dialogues—**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f27mKitQIQs>

**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. [www.thegreatcourses.com](http://www.thegreatcourses.com), or call 1-800-832-2412.

**Grotto Network—**Features a variety of videos and stories about “living life boldly.” Especially geared toward young adults. For more information, please visit: <https://grottonetwork.com/>

Guest House (Lake Orion, MI) – [www.guesthouse.org](http://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) are available in a variety of topics, including addiction and risk management, addiction and trauma, and intervention.
- Resources include a variety of pamphlets and recovering and 12 Step spirituality, a three-minute retreat, and subscription to a daily reflection (free).

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.issmccclone.com](http://www.issmccclone.com).

Liturgy Training Publications—Features a variety of resources for parish and personal use. <https://www.ltp.org/>

Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. The JST Sabbatical program is centered on the Berkeley (CA) campus and has semester and year-long options for a program that includes theological updating, spiritual direction, rest and recreation, and participation in activities on campus and with members of your sabbatical cohort. For more information, please contact Paul Kircher, Director of the Renewal Program, via email at: [jstrenewalprogram@scu.edu](mailto:jstrenewalprogram@scu.edu).

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 Agelessly*. 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. For more information and resources, please visit their website: <http://www.josephitepastoralcenter.org/>

Khan Academy. An online community of teachers and learners with a mission to “provide a free, world-class education for everyone, everywhere.” Features courses from elementary school to college level. For more information, please visit: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

KU Leuven Continue—The premier Catholic university of Belgium offers MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) on a variety of topics, ranging from “The Rule of Law and Democracy in Europe” to “Enhancing Catholic School Identity” to “MOOC Beer: The Science of Brewing.” For more information, please visit:



[https://www.kuleuven.be/continue/opleidingen/search?opleidingstaal\\_pv=Engels&type\\_opleiding=mooc](https://www.kuleuven.be/continue/opleidingen/search?opleidingstaal_pv=Engels&type_opleiding=mooc)

Learn 25 (formerly Now You Know Media)—Resource for a variety of audio and video programs in several formats (CD, DVD, MP3), including a number of Catholic and Franciscan topics. For more information, please visit: <https://www.learn25.com/product-category/new/>

Leadership Roundtable—Programs include Catholic Leadership 360, ChurchEpedia, Standards for Excellence and Toolbox for Pastoral Management. <https://leadershiproundtable.org/>

- A variety of resources are available at: <https://leadershiproundtable.org/what-we-do/our-resources/>

Lighthouse Catholic Media—Books, CD's and MP3's on a variety of topics. They have two subscriptions services, a CD of the Month Club and an MP3 Download of the Month Club. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/releases>

Loyola University, Chicago

- The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage—The Center has an extensive collection of video lectures, panels, etc. on topics ranging from Dorothy Day to the poetry of Denise Levertov to Astronomy and Faith. For more information, please visit: <https://www.luc.edu/ccih/>

Marquette University, Milwaukee

- MU Law School—Lubar Center for Public Policy Research and Civic Education. A leading regional resource for information and civil discourse about law and public policy issues. For more information, please visit <https://law.marquette.edu/lubar-center/about-lubar-center>
- J.R.R. Tolkien Collection—Features the celebrated author's original manuscripts of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, as well as a host of other works by and about him. For more information, please visit: <https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/tolkien.php>

Mental Health Resources

- Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers. Clearinghouse for resources to start a mental health ministry in your parish or other ministry. <https://catholicmhm.org/>
- Catholic Mental Health Bookshop (powered by Bookshop.org). Features books on: depressive disorders; anxiety disorders; loneliness, stress, and burnout; self-harm; body image and eating disorders; bipolar spectrum disorders; psychotic disorders; diagnosing mental illness; addiction and substance abuse; and suicide. <https://bookshop.org/shop/catholicmentalhealth>



- *Hope and Healing* (California Catholic Conference 2018). Pastoral letter by California's Catholic Bishops. [https://www.cacatholic.org/sites/cacatholic/files/2020-12/Hope-and-Healing\\_English.pdf](https://www.cacatholic.org/sites/cacatholic/files/2020-12/Hope-and-Healing_English.pdf)
- Mental Health First Aid (sponsored by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing). Provides training programs and a newsletter. For more information, please visit: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/#>
- QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer) Institute—Online and in-person training for suicide prevention. For more information, please visit: <https://qprinstitute.com/>

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. For more information, please visit: <http://www.maccsa.org/>

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 Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry. “A network and forum for the religious, social, professional, and civic advancement of Roman Catholic Hispanics in the United States.” Includes events and formation programs for those who minister to and with Hispanic Catholics. For more information, please visit <https://ncchm-us.org/>

National Catholic Reporter—An independent Catholic newspaper, generally considered more “liberal/progressive.” For more information, please visit: <https://www.ncronline.org/>

National Catholic Register—A Catholic newspaper and service of EWTN News, generally considered more “conservative/traditional.” For more information, please visit: <https://www.ncregister.com/>

NCPD: National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Promotes the full and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of the Church. For more information, please visit: <https://ncpd.org/>

National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) <https://www.usccb.org/offices/national-religious-retirement-office>

- Provides an archive of webinars on topics related to aging, health, spiritual and pastoral care, etc. To see the archive and access past webinars (back to 2012) please visit: <https://retiredreligious.org/webinars/>

Nonprofit Ready. A great source for a variety of free information on nonprofit leadership, governance, finance, etc. For more information and to set up a free account, please visit their website: <https://www.nonprofitready.org/>

### 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](http://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](http://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 are available. For more information, please visit: [www.ost.edu/mtm](http://www.ost.edu/mtm)
- For a complete list of events, please visit: <https://ost.edu/events/>

Order of Franciscan Seculars (OFS). The “third order” of St. Francis, dedicated to bringing the Gospel to life where they live and work. For more information about the OFS in the USA, please visit <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/>

Paulist Evangelization Ministries [www.pemdc.org](http://www.pemdc.org) Features a variety of resources, including free webinars such as the *Living the Eucharist* series with Kenneth Boyack, CSP and Frank DeSiano, CSP.

Pontifical Institute Antonianum. Offers programs and degrees in several disciplines, including Canon Law, Franciscan Spirituality, Medieval and Franciscan Studies, and Ecumenical Studies. For more information, please visit: <https://www.antonianum.eu/it>

Pontifical North American College (Rome) – [www.pnac.org](http://www.pnac.org)

- Institute for Continuing Theological Education—sabbatical programs. For more information, please visit: <https://www.pnac.org/ictc/about-ictc/>

Preaching and Evangelization Commission, Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. For more information, please visit: <https://www.thecapuchins.org/what-we-do/preaching->

**evangelization** To inquire about a Capuchin preacher for a parish mission, day of recollection, or other event, please send an e-mail to [preaching@thecapuchins.org](mailto:preaching@thecapuchins.org)

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

Religious Formation Conference [www.relforcon.org](http://www.relforcon.org) – This site has written, audio and video content for members and non-members alike. Thanks to a major grant from the Conrad Hilton Foundation, the RFC recently updated and enhanced their online resources re: religious life (general) and religious formation. RFC’s online archives to past webinars is available at: <https://www.relforcon.org/video/webinar>

Resource Center for Religious Institutes—Provides “integrated education, advocacy, and consultation and collaborative initiatives to support religious institutes in meeting their current and emerging stewardship responsibilities.” *RCRI’s next annual conference will be held October 1-4, 2024 in Orlando, FL.* For more information about RCRI and its programs, please visit <https://www.trcri.org/>

Road Scholar—Educational travel program that includes over 100 countries and all 50 states (USA). An option for sabbatical. For more information, please visit [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org).

Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit, MI)—The major seminary for the Archdiocese of Detroit and used by a variety of other dioceses.

- Video: *Gathering Up the Fragments: Pastoral Ministry in a Postmodern World* (Lay Ecclesial Ministry Series, Dr. Donald Wallenfang). To access the video, please visit: <https://mosaic.shms.edu/gathering-up-the-fragments-pastoral-ministry-in-a-postmodern-world>
- Alpha Online. Alpha is a program that many dioceses are using to invite people (especially but not exclusively young adults) to (re)engage with the faith. For more information and to register for SHMS’ Alpha program, please visit: <http://explore.shms.edu/alpha>
- EQUIP Online Formation Program. *Free* courses that you can take at your own pace. Titles include: *Behold Thy Mother: Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary*. For more information, please visit: <https://equip.shms.edu/>
- 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>
- Post Graduate Certificate in the New Evangelization (15+ credits). For more information, please visit: <https://www.shms.edu/content/post-graduate-certificate-new-evangelization>

**Sacred Heart School of Theology (Hales Corners, WI) – [www.shsst.edu](http://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](mailto:joconnor@shsst.edu).
- English and Culture Studies Program. Focus on accent modification, reading, writing, listening, and multicultural awareness, as well as preparation for university or seminary studies. For more information, please visit <https://www.shsst.edu/ecsp/>
- The Lux Center for Catholic Jewish Studies. For more information and to access the online seminar, please visit: <https://www.shsst.edu/theluxcenter/>

**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](http://www.sli.org)
  - Caritas Counseling Center—Provides therapy, assessments, education and skills-building. For more information, please visit [www.caritas-sli.org](http://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.
  - For a list of upcoming webinars, please visit <https://www.sliconnect.org/upcoming-webinars/>.
  - For a list of on-demand (archived) webinars, many of them free, please visit <https://www.sliconnect.org/on-demand/>
  - Annual subscriptions. Please visit: <https://www.sliconnect.org/pricing/>

**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](http://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](http://www.stlukecenter.org)**

**Saint John Vianney Center (Downingtown 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](http://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](http://www.sarcenter.com).

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

- 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.
  - Monthly online sessions, followed by a program on the SBU campus.
  - 1-year access to online courses and resources
  - For more information, please visit: <https://www.sbu.edu/academics/academic-resources/franciscan-institute/programs-conferences/the-padua-program>

**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/](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](http://www.stmarys.edu/center)

- Personal self-designed sabbatical programs.

**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](http://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](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/spirit)

Xavier University (New Orleans, LA)—Institute for Black Catholic Studies provides programs, particularly a Master of Theology (M.Th.) degree, for those especially interested in ministering more effectively in the Black Catholic community. For more information, please visit <http://www.xula.edu/ibcs/> or call (504) 520-7691.

Unbound: Heart of the Father Ministries—Focused on a “safe, loving, and effective” model of prayer ministry, particularly prayers of deliverance, based on personal conversion and trust in God’s love and grace. For more information, please visit: <https://heartofthefather.com/>

#### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

- Calendar of Daily Readings for Eucharist. <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>
- Liturgical Calendar for Dioceses of the United States (2024, 2025).  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar>
- *Walking Together: Making Our Way Along the Dementia Path*. National Religious Retirement Office. A five-part series of video workshops for religious community members to deepen their understanding of dementia and to help provide support for those who experience it, their communities, and caregivers.  
<https://www.usccb.org/offices/national-religious-retirement-office/walking-together>
- List of Catholic Colleges and Universities in the USA (incl. websites) is available at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-education/catholic-colleges-and-universities-united-states>

#### 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>
- McGrath Institute for Church Life <https://mcgrath.nd.edu>
  - Conferences in the *Conversations That Matter* series include *The Crossroads of Science and Human Dignity*, *The Intersection of Racial Justice and Life Issues*, *The Intersection of Justice and Pregnancy*, and *Called and Co-Responsible: Summer Seminars for Church life Renewal*. For more information, please visit: <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/>
- Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies <https://kroc.nd.edu/>
- Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion <https://ansari.nd.edu/>
- Tantur Ecumenical Institute (Jerusalem) <https://tantur.org/>
- Klau Center for Human and Civil Rights <https://klau.nd.edu/>

#### University of St. Francis (Joliet, Illinois)

- **Online Certificate in Franciscan Studies.** Designed to provide a unified understanding of the Franciscan tradition and history for practical application in life and ministry. The program includes four courses:
  - Understanding Franciscan Origins and Values I
  - Understanding Franciscan Origins and Values II
  - Franciscan Spirituality and Evangelical Life
  - Franciscan Tradition in Art and Literature
  - For more information and to register, please visit:  
<https://www.stfrancis.edu/certificate-in-franciscan-studies/>

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 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, as well as the elegant and inspiring journal, *Evangelization and Culture*. Materials include all 12 episodes of *The Pivotal Players* on DVD. The *Word on Fire Bible Volumes I and II* is now available. Volume I includes the gospels. Volume II includes Acts, Pauline and Pastoral Letters, and the Book of Revelation. New courses include: *Science and Religion in Modern Astronomy* (Karen Öberg), *Catholicism and Comedy* (Jeremy McLellan), and *Evangelizing Protestants* (Andrew Petiprin). For more information on the Institute and all of its resources, please visit their website: [www.wordonfire.institute.org](http://www.wordonfire.institute.org)

#### VIDEOS RECOMMENDED BY THE FRIARS AND OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Ave Maria Professional Development Series for Parish Ministers. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.avemariapress.com/webinars/parish/>

#### Work of the People—Films for Discovery and Transformation

- A variety of short films and film series to enhance your life of faith. Titles include:
  - *Allegiance to Empire: A 7 Session Series About Kingdom Citizenship*
  - *Grateful: A 6 Session Film Series with Diana Butler Bass*
  - *Hospitality & the Stranger: Welcoming the Company of the Divine*
- For more information, please visit their website:  
<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/>

#### YouTube

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  - Part I: <https://youtu.be/RF9Amil5YVE?t=253>
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**\*\* 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, podcast, or other continuing formation opportunity to recommend, please contact John Celichowski, Director of Continuing Formation, at [jscelichowski@gmail.com](mailto:jscelichowski@gmail.com).**

## A Bibliography of Materialism on Secularization in North America

*Below is a partial list of articles, books, and digital materials that can help friars consider secularism and its impact on American society.*

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