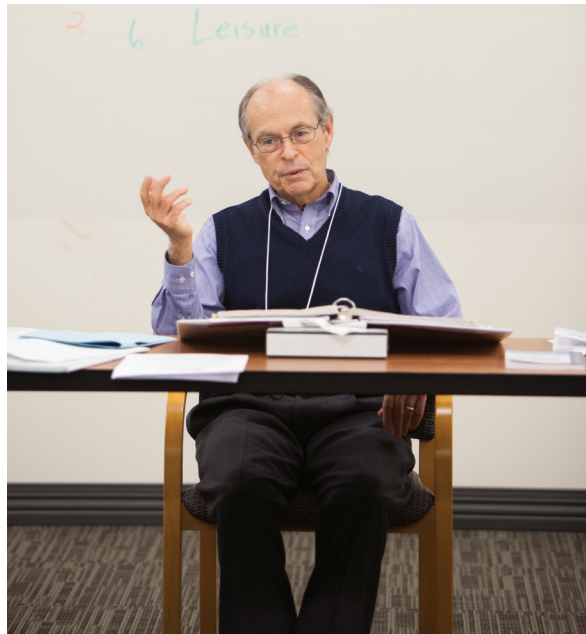


Language, Culture and Ministry Workshops – The Institute offers two-day workshops in dioceses during the summer to address how differences in language, accent and culture affect the way that ministry is provided and received. Topics cover speech patterns, language in ministry, and key components and effects of culture on parish ministry.

Accent Reduction Training – Our certified instructor uses a proven, research-based accent modification method tailored to each individual’s speech needs. Interactive training sessions with our instructor are conducted online.



RENEWING AND REVITALIZING PRIESTS

Stoking the Fire: Mini-Sabbatical for Priests is a four-week program offered in a quiet setting at Saint Meinrad with a balanced schedule to relax and recharge for the next challenges of ministry. For priests between assignments, this may be the perfect opportunity to refresh the spirit and refocus priorities.

Encore Priests Pre-Retirement Preparation is designed to help senior clergy:

- plan for the transition into retirement
- make retirement meaningful and purposeful
- learn how to engage both strengths and likely challenges
- discover the 15 spiritual growth factors that can transform retirement into an energizing time of personal and spiritual development.



MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates (IPP) offers workshops and programs of ongoing formation to keep priests and presbyterates holy, healthy and successful in various ministry settings and stages of life.

The people of God are better served when priests are given practical support, when wisdom is shared among them, when bodies are rested, spirits are renewed and skills are developed.

“Since it should be an ongoing experience of discipleship, formation is a single and integrated path, beginning in Seminary and continuing into priestly life, where it takes the form of ongoing formation.”

—Ratio Fundamentalis

FROM SEMINARY TO PARISH: Managing Transitions, Developing Skills

IPP offers workshops for priests on the campus of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. The Institute, located in St. Bede Hall, offers comfortable accommodations and peaceful spaces for prayer, learning and recreation. Participants also have opportunities to join the seminary community for worship and meals.

The Associate Pastor takes place in the first year following ordination. This workshop offers a chance to reflect on the first months of priestly life and ministry.

Participants engage in continuing formation with the goal of integrating priestly life and spirituality into their sacramental configuration to Christ the High Priest.

The Newly Appointed Pastor is for priests in the initial two years of their first assignment as pastor. This workshop is centered on the *munera* of the priesthood to help pastors continue to emerge as priest, prophet and king in their communities of faith.

This workshop, held twice a year, provides time for rejuvenation, with opportunities for priestly fraternity, prayer, Mass, Confession, reflection and rest.

Mentor Training enables diocesan priests to help new pastors become effective, productive parish leaders. Mentor priests are equipped with skills to guide new priests in their ministry: active listening, role-playing, modeling behaviors and appreciative inquiry.

Mentor training is held at Saint Meinrad and also can be scheduled in your diocese. Follow-up sessions are conducted about a year after initial training to reflect upon the mentoring experience and further enhance skills.



“I am so thankful for the IPP program and for the opportunities it gave me. I would encourage any priest in their first year of priesthood to attend an IPP workshop. I didn’t know how much I needed it at the time.”

—Associate Pastor Workshop Participant

ENHANCING THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS

World Priest helps international priests develop the skills and confidence needed for effective ministry in the U.S. Weeklong workshops are held twice a year. Among the topics are:

- U.S. Catholic Church history and identity
- Introduction to U.S. speech patterns
- Cultural norms for interpersonal and organizational communication
- Pastoral practices in the United States
- Building bridges for cross-cultural ministry.

