

Language, Culture and Ministry Workshops

These in-diocese workshops, delivered in a two- or three-day format, typically take place during the summer months and aim to introduce mission priests to the skills needed to:

- speak English in a way that is easy for Americans to follow
- proclaim the Gospel and other liturgical texts in a listener-friendly manner for North American audiences
- learn more about their cultural values and assumptions, and those of their parishioners
- develop strategies for effective interpersonal communication in the United States.

For more information and to inquire for your diocese, visit: www.saintmeinrad.edu/culture/.



Accent Workbook with Audio CD

The *Speaking Pastoral English in America Course (S.P.E.A.C.)* workbook is designed to help ministers serving in the United States to produce listener-friendly speech patterns for U.S. audiences. *S.P.E.A.C.* targets each sound in North American Standard English, and gives the speaker ample practice and techniques to produce the sound accurately and clearly.

S.P.E.A.C. also offers sentence-level practice so that speech is produced with proper stress, phrasing, rhythm and intonation, which contribute to more comprehensible speech patterns.

Words on the practice list are compiled from the *Roman Missal* and the *New American Bible Concise Concordance*, as those words are likely to be used in liturgical and pastoral contexts. An audio CD is included.

For more information, visit:
www.saintmeinrad.edu/SPEAC/.

"I am truly appreciative. Everyone on campus is just fantastic - great people, loving people and exceptional program."

2014 Participant



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MISSION PRIESTS

Acculturation and Accent Training
Programs for Effective Ministry
in the United States





INTRODUCTION

The history of the Catholic Church in the United States is intimately linked to the presence and ministry of international mission priests. In more recent years, this relationship has evolved and grown along with the need for well-designed programs of acculturation, orientation and communication.

With a broadened understanding of culture and Church in the United States, the mission priest can better share the gift of himself and his ministry, bringing a more global and universal perspective of the Catholic Church to local dioceses and parishes.

World Priest Program

The World Priest Program assists international priests in managing a successful transition into effective ministry in the United States.

Presentations address the cultural orientation needs of international mission priests, as outlined in *“Guidelines for Receiving Pastoral Ministers in the United States, 3rd edition”* (USCCB, 2014) and *Bridging the Gap: International Priests Ministering in the United States* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2014).



Sessions are presented by seminary faculty and other professionals in the particular topic. Topics addressed during the program include:

- Understanding Cultural Dimensions and Differences
- Bridging Cultural Gaps
- Sharing our Cultures
- U.S. Catholic History and Identity
- U.S. Civil Law and the Church
- Gender, Boundary and Sexuality Issues and Dynamics
- Diaconal and Lay Ministry in the U.S.
- Introduction to Parish Administration and Finances
- Presiding and Preaching in the U.S.
- Ministry with Hispanic Communities
- Marriage Preparation, Marriage Counseling and Divorced Catholics
- Ministry with Youth and Young Adults
- Social Ministry and Concerns in the U.S.

Participants receive nine hours of accent acquisition training from our certified trainer. They also receive the *Speaking Pastoral English in America* Course workbook with audio CD for continued practice following the program.

The 12-day workshop (Monday of week 1 through Friday of week 2) takes place on the Saint Meinrad campus. For upcoming program dates, prices and registration, visit: www.saintmeinrad.edu/world-priest/.

“A seasoned mission priest accompanies the participants through the daily sessions and facilitates the group conversations and reflections on how to apply the lessons in their parish work.”



OTHER OFFERINGS FOR MISSION PRIESTS

Online Accent Training

This course is conducted in 13 weekly hour-long face-to-face sessions over the Internet, using a high-speed connection, webcam, microphone and speakers. Scheduling is flexible and can begin at any time convenient to both the student and the instructor.

At the conclusion, a comprehensive report outlines areas of improvement on target sounds and recommendations for specific continued practice.

For more information and to register, visit: www.saintmeinrad.edu/accent/.