

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION SERIES 2025

Coming in 2025!

On December 24, 2024 Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, beginning the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Center for Continuing Formation joins the whole Church in celebrating this special period of grace. We will offer special programs, onsite, livestreamed, and/or recorded for later online viewing. As Pilgrims of Hope, look for further information about the upcoming programs of Jubilee Priest, Jubilee Deacon, Jubilee Leader, and Jubilee Disciple.



Join us for "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Lk. 4:19).

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises."

Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit #25

Find up-to-date information about all programs on our website.

All registrations/payments are made online.

New courses and presentations are added regularly.

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Programs for Priests

Key topics for priestly life and ministry, including:

- **Striking Balance: How to Live a Balanced Life (for Priests):** Stewardship of one's own life/priesthood requires attentiveness to "balance" and healthy living spiritually, emotionally, and physically.
Rev. Terrence P. O'Connor, M.Div. J.D.
Pastor, Mary, Mother of God Parish, White Oak, PA
- **Pastoring Multiple Parishes:** Examining the special challenges that come with pastoring parish clusters or multiple parish communities.
Rev. Patrick Carrion
Pastor, The Parishes of St. Anthony of Padua, Saint Dominic Church, Most Precious Blood, Baltimore, MD
- **Pronunciation for Pastors: A Program for International Priests (Synchronous and Asynchronous):** *New Program*—Three levels, includes pre-assessment diagnostic. Individualized instruction with lessons and feedback, in-person or online.
Emily Hicks, M.A., S.T.L.
Director of Language Resources and Intercultural Integration / Assistant Professor of English and Culture, St. Mary's Seminary & University



Programs for Deacons

Focusing on diaconal, ministerial, and life experience:

- **Guiding Sponsors and Candidates:** This course examines ways the deacon can more effectively guide sponsors and candidates on their faith journeys.
Rev. Mr. Lawrence Sutton, Ph.D.
Director of Pre-Theology Formation, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA
- **Living a Balanced Life (for Deacons):** Keeping a balance between our marriage and family responsibilities, the work we do in the world to support and care for our households, and our ministry of Word and Sacrament.
Deacon Larry Matheny
St. Ignatius Parish, Ijamsville, MD



Programs for Lay Ecclesial Ministers

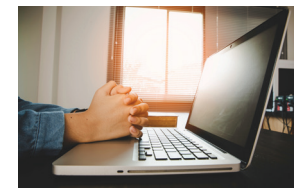
Uniquely focused on challenges for lay ministers:

- **Providing Fulfilling Volunteer Opportunities for Parishioners:** New and innovative ways to increase volunteerism will be explored. Includes placing volunteers according to their gifts and assisting them in discerning where the Lord may be calling them to serve.
Stacy Golden
Director, Office of Family, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Baltimore
- **Living a Balanced Life (for lay ministers):** Topics include defining your unique balanced lifestyle, intensity vs. consistency, doing vs. dreaming, and where is God?
Amy Spessard
Author, *Self-Care for Parish Ministers: 20 Practices to Enhance your Well-being*;
Executive Director of Formation and Engagement, Pastorate of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor in Frederick County, MD



Programs for All in Ministry

- **Ministering to Persons with Autism:** Explore the challenges and opportunities of ministry with persons with autism.
Rev. Mr. Lawrence Sutton, Ph.D.
Director of Pre-Theology Formation, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA; author, *How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs: A Parish-Based Approach* and *Teaching Students with Autism in a Catholic Setting*
- **Synodality in the Local Church:** The origins and meaning of synodality as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council and enlivened anew by Pope Francis; practical ways for parishes about how to practice synodality.
Rev. Msgr. Fredrik Hansen, J.C.D.
Asst. Professor of Pastoral Studies / Dean of Seminarians, St. Mary's Seminary & University



Online Sessions in Hybrid Programs

Onsite Training with Online Follow-Up/Meetings

- **Forming Supervisors for Vocational Synthesis:** This comprehensive program of TRAINING, RESOURCES, and ONGOING CONSULTATION/SUPPORT begins with a 4-day onsite seminar (June 16-19, 2025) and continues with 8 online follow-up sessions as well as individual consultation and support.
Visit stmarys.edu/center/supervising-vocsynthesis for more information
- **Mentoring Training for Recently Ordained, New Pastors, and International Priests:** A 3-day onsite training (August 12-14, 2025) followed by two-hour Online Follow-up Sessions through Fall 2025.
More information coming soon.

Nurturing the Whole Church

The Center is proud to offer presentations for the ongoing faith growth of all adult Catholics:

- **Jesus Was a Refugee:** Dr. Barnabas Aspray applies his particular interest in theology to the reality of migrants, refugees, and modern society's response to them today.
Dr. Barnabas Aspray
Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University
- **Forgiveness: Its Impact is Greater Than We Ever Imagined:** The effects of forgiveness stretch far beyond the one forgiven—into the life and health of the forgiver.
Dr. Patricia Fosarelli
Adjunct Instructor of Pastoral Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University
- **How to Make Prayer a Regular Part of Your Life:** Examine ways to live the commitment to prayer; includes prayer practices you can use today.
Rev. Dennis J. Billy, C.S.S.R.
Professor of Moral Theology and Spirituality,
St. Mary's Seminary & University

