



Secrétariat Central à la Formation - oco -

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To the Superiors, the Regional Secretaries,
the Brothers and Sisters interested by oco-formation.

Monastic Formators' Programme:

Formation course for formators, from March 19 to June 16, 2017, in Rome and Assisi:

Brother Justin from the monastery of Mokoto, which is the Regional Secretary formation of the RAFMA, currently follows the *MFP 2017*. He has the good initiative to share the experiences of the first few weeks, by means of a report (see **Annex 1**, text in French).

Canadian Region:

International symposium for formation directors:

Laval University organizes from 29 to 31 May 2017 a Symposium whose theme will be: *When formed and formators are in formation: issues and travel*. The topic of the Symposium is wider than the only formation to religious life, but the programme reports some interesting issues for any formation (See the leaflet in **Annex 2**, text in French).

French speaking Regions:

3rd Internoviciat OCSO-France:

It was the abbaye of Timadeuc which hosted the meeting of young people in initial formation in the monasteries in France. One of the participants agreed to share the report done for the group. In order to lighten the load of this Newsletter, 9 photos had to be removed... too bad for the layout of the original! (See **Annex 3**: two-page text, in French).

Meeting for the Italian monastic formators:

This meeting, which will bring together twenty participants, will take place at Piona, from 5 to 9 June 2017. Conferences will be provided by Mother Monica and Dom Guillaume around the theme: *The vow of chastity in the post-modern era*.

In Civitella San Paolo, 12-17 June, a formation is proposed to monastic formators of Italy, on the theme: *Being a disciple to be master: our ability to listen*. This is a new proposal. (See **Annex 4**).

[Inter congregation meeting of Italian monks and nuns in formation:](#)

From 17 to 22 July, in Assisi, in the Benedictine monastery of S. Joseph, is organized meeting this summer for young people in formation, with the theme: *The life of St Benedict, paradigm of a spiritual path*, by Mother Monica and Dom Guillaume around the theme: *The vow of chastity in the post-modern era*.

(See for details: **Annex 5**).

[Session of the STIM - Cycle common:](#)

The examination session, for 12 Brothers and Sisters who complete the cycle, will be held at the monastery of the Benedictines at Saint-Thierry, on 29 and 30 June 2017.

[Session of the STIM - Cycle BAC:](#)

In Paris, from 5 to 10 June 2017, students of 1st and 2nd year will be end of year review; those of 3rd year will have the clearance examination. Two courses, five hours each, will be given: *Canon Law*, by Fr. Achille Mestre and *Special Moral*, by Fr. Patrick Verspieren.

[Sessions in communities:](#)

Chimay: from 21 to 23 June, session of *Holy Scripture*, by the Father Mr. Gilbert (s.j.);

Echourgnac: from 17 to 20 July, *Lectio Divina*, with Father François Cassingena-Trevedy (osb);

Fille-Dieu: in the summer, *Monastic Architecture*, with Martine Plouvier.

La Coudre: from 10 to 13 July, session on to *The Vows*, by Sr Sylvie Robert;

Cabanoule: in June, Session-discovery of *Orthodoxy*, with Father Jean Gueit (Orthodox priest).

A shared conference:

The ocso secretariat makes available a conference, given by Dom Armand Veilleux, in February 2017: *The autonomy of the Cistercian communities*. It seems interesting to share this text through this Newsletter, because there is no currently topic on the site of the Order where to download. (**Annex 6**: text in French, 15 pages).

A website to visit:

The Secretary to the formation of the RéCiF has already reported to the superiors of his Region, the site of the *Collège des Bernardins*, in Paris: www.collegedesbernardins.fr . There are proposals for online formation free and accessible to all. Currently (from March 6 to June 4) a course is offered: *Jesus, the Incomparable* (teaching that can still be taken along the way, the weekly sessions remaining available until June 30); from October 2 to December 17, it will be: *A Biblical story of origins*. Other courses are planned for the suite, such as *Philosophy and Spirituality, art and literature*. On this site you can find the content detailed of the two biblical courses and other interesting information.

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