



Secrétariat Central à la Formation - ocso -

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Newsletter 14

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

Dutch Region:

[Report of 3 VONK sessions: April 2016-January 2017](#)

25 April-29, 2016, at the Abbey of our Lady of Koningshoeven in Berkel-Enschot: Introductions by Fr. Benedikt Van de Vijver of Saint Sixtus on *The Spirituality of the cell as part of the vow of stability*. There were 23 participants: 13 novices (three nuns: 1 ocso and 2 osb; ten monks: 4 ocso and 6 osb) and ten temporary professed (three nuns: 2 ocso and 1 osb, and seven monks: 6 ocso and 1 osb). The session went well, and the courses were well appreciated.

12 September-16, 2016, at the Abbey of Koningsoord, in Arnhem: Introductions by Dom Lode van Hecke, Abbot of Orval and Sr. Ria Verschaeven of Loppem, in co-operation with Sr. Simone of Oosterhout for the creative part.

There were 23 participants: eleven novices (five nuns: 2 osb and 3 ocso; six monks: 3 osb in 3 ocso) and twelve temporary professed (two nuns ocso and ten monks: 4 osb and 6 ocso).

The courses of Dom Lode on *Affectivity-Freedom-Stability according to St. Bernard* were solid. He proposed everything with enthusiasm. Young people were really happy, even if for some, prices exceeded a little. Several participants were pleasantly surprised to discover the spirituality of Saint Bernard. Sr. Ria's introduction, from the teaching of Simone Pacot, was well appreciated, even the introduction to creative work with clay.

9 January-12, 2017, at the Abbey of Nazareth, in Brecht. The introductions were made by Sr. Pascale of Arnhem as part of the vow of obedience on *Obedience and disobedience in the Old Testament* with an approach of *lectio divina*. There were 23 participants: eleven novices (five nuns: 2 osb/3 ocso; and six monks), and twelve temporary professed (two nuns ocso and ten monks: 5 osb and 5 ocso). The courses were very well appreciated. Wednesday afternoon was presented a film about Jeremiah with a common reflection after.

Ad experimentum we started this last session Monday morning until Thursday evening, with the scheduled departure on Friday morning after Mass.

Through the vow of obedience the two following sessions will take place:

- * 8-12 may 2017, in Lioba-Egmond: Introductions by Sr. Emmanuelle and Fr. Marc Loriaux from Lioba, with, as starting point, *The authority and autonomy in the New Testament*.
- * 23-27 October, in Zundert: Introductions by Dom Manu of St. Sixtus and Sr. Katharina Brecht on *Lectio as form of obedience*.

[Session of the PREM at the Abbey Santa Maria Real of Las Huelgas:](#)

Mother María Àngelines tells us the report appeared on the site of the Abbey of Las Huelgas. You will find in **Annex 1**, the text without the pictures. Which invites you to visit: www.monasteriodelashuelgas.org/pascua-del-prem.html .

Monastic Formators' Programme:

[Formation course for formators, from March to June, 2017, in Rome and Assisi:](#)

Faithfully, Brother Justin of the monastery of the Mokotos, who participated in this formation continues sharing his account. The report of the first weeks appeared in the Newsletter 13.

Text in **Annex 2** (6 pages, in French)

ORIENS Region:

[Meeting for the formators of the English-speaking Subregion, in Sujong:](#)

It was in Korea, in the Abbey of Sujong, that the formators gathered from 9 to May 15. Two interventions are shared: that of Sister Magdalena of Gedono, about the Constitution Apostolic *Vultum Dei Quaerere* (Text in **Annex 3**: 9 pages, in English) and that of Father Joseph of Tarrawarra, with *Humility* as the theme (of this work, presented to the group in *PowerPoint*, you can find the transcription in *Word*, in **Annex 4**:19 pages, in English. The document in *PowerPoint*, too heavy to be sent in the *Newsletter*, remains available to the central secretariat for those who wish: formation.ocso@orange.fr).

Francophone regions:

[Proposal of a Christian Anthropology formation:](#)

Dom Pierre-André, of the Abbey of the Desert, shares information from the Institute of Religious and Pastoral Studies, of the Catholic Institute of Toulouse. It is a proposal of formation over two years, which can be followed either at the University of Toulouse, or remote, it leads to a Certificate in Christian Anthropology. This formation is intended to help better understand the man of today by deepening the sense of vocation in dialogue with theology and the doctrinal and pastoral teaching of the Church. (Leaflet in **Annex 3**).

[Sessions in the communities:](#)

- * Val d'Igny: 23 to 28 October: *Aelred of Rievaulx*, by Sister Marie-Benedict from Rivet;
- * Acey: 7 to 9 November: *Monastic Rules*, by Sister Marie-Liesse from Venieres;
- * La Coudre: November 28 to December 1: Session of *Holy Scripture*, by Father Jean-François Baudoz.

[Sessions of the STIM :](#)

The program of the Inter-Monasteries Theological Studium (common cycle) provides a session, from 5 to 13 September 2017, at the Abbey of Maredsous (Belgium).

Are provided for 15 hours of classes: *Old Testament. The people of God and the History of Salvation*, by Father Philippe Lefebvre, o.p.; 15 hours of: *Philosophy: The Truth*, by Mr. Bertrand Vergely; and 10 hours of *Basic Theology: The Credibility of the Revelation of God in Jesus Christ*, by Father Benedict Andreu o.s.b.

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