Pre-Theologian Formation
Pastoral Immersion Experience

Bishops or Diocesan Vocation Directors who would like to recommend a candidate for the Saint Vincent Seminary Pastoral Immersion Experience are asked to contact/submit this form to:

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Our Mission

Saint Vincent Seminary is a Roman Catholic Seminary grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the living tradition of the Church in accord with the Magisterium, and shaped by the Benedictine heritage of liturgical prayer, study, hospitality and community. As such, the Seminary is a center for the spiritual formation, human development, and academic and pastoral preparation of candidates for the priesthood. Consistent with this primary mission and responsive to the contemporary needs of the Church, the Seminary also provides programs for permanent diaconate candidates and offers degree programs to qualified men and women seeking a theological education.

The fourth oldest Roman Catholic Seminary in the United States, Saint Vincent has been forming diocesan and religious priests for service in the Church since 1846. Our Ordination Program includes the opportunity for students to earn various degrees which include a Master of Divinity, a Master of Arts, and a Bachelor in Sacred Theology. In addition, Saint Vincent Seminary offers a Master of Arts in Ecclesial Ministry for non-ordination students.

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Saturday, August 13
4-5 p.m. Arrive at Saint Vincent Seminary in time for 5 p.m. Vespers with the Monastic community followed by dinner.
7-9 p.m. Pre-camp Conference I on Pastoral Formation followed by a social.

Sunday, August 14
7:15 a.m. Morning prayer and liturgy followed by breakfast.
8:45 a.m. Pre-camp Conference II—Pastoral Formation to 11 a.m.
11:30 Noon prayer and lunch.
1 p.m. Departure for Antiochian Village. Arrive at Camp, receive cottage assignment, meet special athlete, followed by afternoon activity. Dinner followed by evening activity.
10 p.m. Camper lights out.
11 p.m. to Pre-Theologian evening formation followed by 11:30 p.m. Evening prayer.

Monday to Friday, August 15 to 19
(daily activity with campers will vary, formation the same)
6:15 a.m. Morning prayer and liturgy.
7 a.m. Camper wake-up followed by breakfast.
9 a.m.-Noon Morning sporting activities
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch
1 to 5 p.m. Afternoon sporting activities
5 to 6 p.m. Dinner
7 to 9 p.m. Evening camp activity
9-10 p.m. Camper lights out.
11 p.m. to Pre-Theologian evening formation followed by
11:30 p.m. Evening prayer. (Sorry, but, we have to follow the camp schedule!)

Saturday, August 20
6:15 a.m. Morning prayer and liturgy followed by camp break down and departure for Saint Vincent. Arrive at Saint Vincent Seminary for lunch.
1 to 3 p.m. Post-camp formation conference and Immersion Experience closure: Departure (for those not remaining at Saint Vincent!)
* Confer the Encyclical Letter of Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate (June 25, 2009) on this topic.

Pre-Theologian Formation Program

Saint Vincent Seminary’s Pre-Theologian Formation Program’s Pastoral Immersion Experience is just one part of the overall Program. The entire formation program which is designed to address:

- Human needs (developmental, personal, and psychological),
- Spiritual needs (working with spiritual direction, ongoing discernment of one’s vocation, learning to pray—or to pray better—developing a love for the Eucharist, etc.),
- Intellectual needs (dealing with “back to school” issues for those who have been away from studies for years, or, “moving to a new school and new system” issues for those coming right out of college or other programs; basic introductory courses in theology, the Catechism, Spirituality, and the Bible, the study of Philosophy preparatory for theological studies),
- Pastoral needs (introduction of Pre-Theologians to some actual, but limited, basic “pastoral activity” by means of involving them in the week-long pastoral immersion program prior to the beginning of each year of their philosophical studies (see opposite page).

The backbone of the intellectual formation for the Pre-Theologian is the Philosophical Formation Program, which follows the requirements of the Vatican’s Congregation for Education and the Program of Priestly Formation of the USCCB. Complementing this Program at Saint Vincent Seminary is our Pre-Theologian Formation Program. This program is specifically designed to assist and prepare the Pre-Theologian humanly, spiritually, and pastorally for entrance into the Theologate, which will have its own Priestly Formation Program.

The Pre-Theologian Formation Program at Saint Vincent is constructed of two main elements: the one-week long Pastoral Immersion Experience and two weekend-long workshops each semester of the two year pre-theologate (a total of 4 weekend workshops). These weekend workshops will focus upon the four-pillars of formation and will draw upon the expertise and experience of a wide range of formators from locally and around the country.