



**Society of St. Sulpice  
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Since 1641 the Sulpicians, a community of diocesan priests, have dedicated themselves to serving the Church through the ministry of priestly formation. The Sulpicians, who have served in the U.S. since 1791, have responsibility for initial and ongoing formation of diocesan priests at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Theological College in Washington, D.C., Emmaus Spirituality Centre in Lusaka, Zambia, and St. Anthony's, Kachebere, Malawi.

“If there were three apostolic men in a seminary filled with humility, kindness, patience, zeal, charity, and poverty, with the knowledge and wisdom needed for this heavenly work, they would be able to sanctify a whole diocese ... they would sanctify many people and would be able to affect not only the seminary of a diocese, but a whole kingdom. Such is the power of the apostolic and selfless spirit” (Project of 1651, pp. 228-229).

Jean-Jacques Olier

**From *The Gift of the Priestly Vocation*, 2016**

The task of the agents of formation can be defined as interior openness, rooted in an intense spiritual experience. It is aimed at constant discernment, which allows one to learn from life and from different circumstances, and to discover in them the providential actions of God in his own Christian or priestly journey. The quality of the service rendered to seminarians can be measured from the depth of this openness, and, at the same time, a calm formative atmosphere in the Seminary depends on it. (152)



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**Pastores Dabo Vobis  
Workshop**



**June 1-4, 2020**

**A Workshop for  
Seminary Formators**

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## About the Workshop

The Pastores Dabo Vobis workshop is a four-day gathering of seminary formators and their partners in formation ministry. The workshop provides an opportunity for thoughtful conversation among peers about the challenges and opportunities they encounter in preparing candidates for priesthood.

Developed to complement the highly successful Institute for Seminary Formators offered by the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States, every other June, the PDV workshops invite reflection and conversation around spirituality, collaboration, and specific dimensions of formation work. The PDV workshop is likewise underwritten by the U.S. Sulpicians. Participants pay only for the cost of room and board.

This four-day workshop is open to seminary formators and their partners in priestly formation ministry from diocesan and religious formation programs at both the collegiate and theologate level. The presentations are designed to invite thoughtful and practical reflection about how to engage seminary formation ministry more effectively.

The 2020 Workshop begins with check-in from 10 AM until 1 PM on Monday, June 1. The daily schedule includes two conferences, liturgy and social time.

The workshop concludes at midday on Thursday, June 4.



## Schedule

The schedule has been designed to promote thoughtful, informed conversation among peers about central aspects of the ministry of priestly formation.

Each conference will involve input from experienced formators followed by the opportunity for personal reflection and small-group conversation. Time is reserved for participants to request conversation about topics that are not included on the agenda.

The daily schedule includes Mass, morning prayer, and evening prayer. There is a social every afternoon, with the opportunity for informal conversation each evening.

## Topics & Presenters

- ✦ The current moment in seminary formation: Reflections from seasoned formators
  - ◆ *Rev. Gerald D. McBrearity, P.S.S.*; Rector, Theological College, Washington, DC
  - ◆ *Rev. Renato J. Lopez, P.S.S.*; Vice-Rector, Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, TX
- ✦ Encuentro with Jesus in the Gospel of John: Biblical spirituality for formation
  - ◆ *Dr. Rodolfo Luna*; Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX
- ✦ Modelling collaboration in priestly formation:
  - ◆ *Ms. Kathi Kramer*, Director of Pastoral Formation, St. Mary's Seminary, Houston, TX
- ✦ The impact of the sexual abuse crisis on formators and on formation
  - ◆ *Rev. Martin Burnham, P.S.S.*; Director of Discernment and Admissions, U.S. Sulpicians, Baltimore, MD.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary/Religious Institute \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$250** Registration fee enclosed—includes lodging, meals, printed materials and program costs

**\$130** Commuter Rate enclosed—includes meals, printed materials and program costs

**Registration deadline is May 8, 2020**

Make checks payable to and mail to:

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