

About St. John's University

Established in Brooklyn by the Vincentian community in 1870, St. John's has locations in Queens, Staten Island and Manhattan in New York City, in Oakdale on Long Island and in Rome, Italy. In addition to its undergraduate liberal arts college, the University has schools of law, pharmacy, business, professional studies and education, as well as a wide range of continuing education programs. The student body numbers over 19,000 and reflects the broad diversity of cultures which characterize metropolitan New York. St. John's is conveniently located close to LaGuardia and Kennedy airports and to public transportation.

The Vincentian Center for Church and Society was established at St. John's in 1994 as a means of relating this Catholic Vincentian University to the greater civil and ecclesial communities. The Center sponsors a range of programs for Church personnel and conducts Vincentian research on poverty and social justice.

Faculty

Faculty for the ACCULTURATION SEMINAR are drawn from the St. John's University faculty, staff of the Vincentian Center, diocesan administrators and foreign-born resident priests as well as experienced pastors. Since 1995, the Vincentian Center for Church and Society at the University has offered programs in management for pastors and has worked with seminarians and priests from the three metropolitan New York dioceses. The Vincentian Center also collaborates with the Center for Migration Studies.

Seminar Faculty

St. John's University Faculty

Larry Boone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Management, Tobin College of Business

Barrett Brenton, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mary Ann Dantuono, J.D., Associate Director, Vincentian Center, Adjunct Professor of Legal Studies

John Greg, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Speech, Communication Sciences and Theatre, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Rafael Javier, Ph.D., Clinical Professor of Psychology, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Donald Pitti, C.F.A., Adjunct Professor of Finance, Tobin College of Business

Kelly Rocca, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Speech, Communication Sciences and Theatre, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Blythe Roveland-Brenton, Ph.D., Archivist, University Library

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Michael Whalen, C.M., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

External Resources

John B. Freund, C.M., S.T.L., Technology Advisor, Vincentian Communities

Msgr. Otto Garcia, J.C.D., Vicar General and Moderator for the Curia, Diocese of Brooklyn

Msgr. Ronald Marino, Director, Catholic Migration Office, Diocese of Brooklyn

Panels of Pastors and International Priest Alumni

Program Coordinators

Margaret J. Kelly, D.C., Executive Director, Vincentian Center

Eugene Sullivan, Chair Emeritus, St. John's University Board of Trustees



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Fifth Annual Acculturation Seminar for International Priests

June 6-10, 2005
Queens Campus
Queens, NY





Program Goals

In an intensive, supportive five-day residential program, participants who have already developed "survival skills" and have conversational ability in English focus on these goals:

- ✦ **Church Development in U.S.:** Gain an overview of the development of the Catholic Church in the pluralistic, religiously diverse U.S. and discuss Models of Church and Roles of Priests within that context.
- ✦ **Anthropological and Sociological Issues:** Engage in discussions on culture, gender, race, family, multiculturalism, cultural bridges and the acculturation process itself to discern differences between one's native culture and U.S. culture(s).
- ✦ **Psychological Issues:** Reflect on the issues of stress, creativity, self-knowledge and personal growth which the acculturation process engenders.



- ✦ **Priest as Leader, Team-member and Collaborator:** Grow in appreciation of the need in organizations for servant leadership and discuss with experienced pastors the issues of acculturation in the parish and rectory.
- ✦ **Church Structure and Collaboration:** Study overall church structure in the U.S. and the roles of clergy and laity within the parish and diocesan organizations.
- ✦ **Interpersonal Communications:** Recognize the complexity and centrality of communication to ministry and engage in practice sessions which focus on cultural differences.
- ✦ **Pastoral Communications:** Reflect on attitudes and skills which enhance pastoral communication with special emphasis on reading and preaching.
- ✦ **Time Management:** Learn time management skills which contribute to a healthy and productive work ethic and life style.
- ✦ **Immigration and Legal Issues:** Discuss legal issues, immigration and pastoral concerns.
- ✦ **Liturgical Sharing:** Share Liturgy (Eucharist and Divine Office) as a way of building community.
- ✦ **Relationships:** Establish relationships with other international priests as a means of support.

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the program, a priest must:

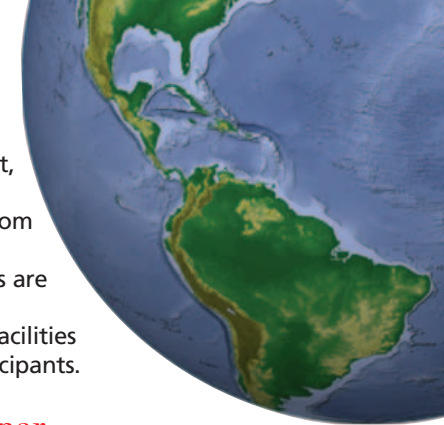
- ✦ Be recommended by officials of the diocese or the leadership of his religious community. Letter of recommendation must be forwarded directly to the Vincentian Center for Church and Society from diocesan personnel office or major superior in U.S.
- ✦ Have been a resident of the United States generally for at least six months.
- ✦ Demonstrate conversational proficiency in English.
- ✦ Complete application form including report of all ministerial experience.

Schedule

The program opens at 12:30 p.m. on June 6 with lunch and closes on June 10 at 1:30 p.m. after Eucharist and a closing luncheon.

Residence

To enhance the learning environment, each participant is assigned a private room within the student residence halls. Meals are provided on campus. Athletic and library facilities are available to participants.



Follow-up Seminar

As a follow-up to the June session, during the academic year participants will be offered the opportunity of meeting with the St. John's team and addressing various topics in an afternoon seminar.

Costs

Non-refundable registration fee	\$50
<i>(Due May 6, 2005)</i>	
Tuition, room and meals	\$550
<i>(Due on arrival)</i>	
Total	\$600

Applications/Inquiries

Applications are available online. See below.

Direct inquiries and other requests to:

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