

# Announcement Letter from the Secretariat for Formation

[EN] Program for Formators Primer

***“Bring to Jesus in prayer the needs of your disciples.”***

(MTR 4.1; Med 196.1)

With the publication of the Lasallian Formation for Mission: A Pilgrim’s Handbook (2019), the Secretariat for Formation is offering a formation program for those responsible for the various stages of the initial formation of Brothers. The program was initially planned last March 2020, but the onset of the pandemic led to the event’s postponement. As the countries are slowly lifting restrictions and international travels are back, the current Formation Secretariat has decided to continue the program in a blended format.

**The in-person program will take place at the Generalate in Rome from 9 September to 26 September 2022 (*Travel Dates: 8 September 2022-Arrival | 27 September 2022- Departure*). Three synchronous online meetings will transpire before the actual meeting in Rome.**

The impact and implications for Brothers’ initial formation in light of the Pilgrim’s Handbook will be examined through a concluding three-week in-person program. It will allow formators to deepen their understanding of the formation process developed in the Pilgrim’s Handbook. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to creatively develop and organize the various stages of formation to ensure a unified and ongoing experience of the Lasallian pilgrimage.

In consultation with their respective Region, the Districts will identify the appropriate participants for this formation session. The District leadership may wish to consider sending formators who oversee formation for the District or Region. The ideal participants should be:

- Brother/s who has/have some experience in the initial formation of Brothers (postulancy, novitiate, scholasticate, accompaniment of Brothers in temporary vows).

- Brother/s who is/are considered prospective formators in the initial formation of Brothers (postulancy, novitiate, scholasticate, accompaniment of Brothers in temporary vows).

The participants must be willing to adapt programs according to the framework developed in Lasallian Formation for Mission. Together with this announcement is the Program Primer.

In addition, the Secretariat for Formation is planning a formation session for Lay Formators for Mission in June 2023. This program is intended for those people who have responsibility for the formation for mission of all Lasallians. More details of this program will be provided in October 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Let us live in the spirit of faith,

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