Sabbatical Programs

Are you interested in a local assessment of any of these courses or programs? We may be able to put you in touch with some Australian bishop, priest or deacon who has undertaken the course in the last couple of years. For more information, contact us (office@clergy.org.au)

ROME

• The Institute for Continuing Theological Education is offered by the North American College, Rome. www.pnac.org.
More than 2,300 priests have attended the Institute since its inauguration in 1971. The Institute offers two twelve-week theological renewal programs for priests each year: Fall and Spring Semesters.

BELGIUM

• American College of Louvain, Leuven, Belgium Sabbatical programs from one to nine months as well as full degree programs. Semester sabbatical students are also entitled to participate in two-week Sedes Sapientiae program.

ENGLAND

• Hawkstone Hall, Shrewsbury, England Three sabbaticals per year, 1 X 10 weeks and 2 X 12 weeks
• St Bueno’s, North Wales Three-month program in apostolic spirituality or 10-week course in the practice of retreat and spiritual direction Email: StBuenos@aol.com

IRELAND

• All Hallows, Ireland "Renewal for Ministry" sabbatical programs of one, three, six or twelve month’s duration: http://www.allhallows.ie/programmes/adultcommunity/renewal-for-ministry.html
• Marianella, Dublin, Ireland A centre for study and renewal: Three month and one month renewal programs and 1 & 2 week summer schools
• Milltown Institute, Dublin One-year program in theology and spirituality

ISRAEL

• Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel Four weeks, six weeks and three month long programs offered.
• Ecce Homo Convent, Jerusalem, Israel Courses to study the Bible through text and excursions to explore the Land

SCOTLAND

• St Mary’s Kinnoull, Perth, Scotland Redemptorist International Renewal Centre offering a 7-week program

USA

• The Institute for Spirituality & Worship, Berkley, USA One or Two Semester Sabbatical Program
• Institute of Pastoral Studies, Chicago, Chicago, USA Located at Loyola University. Sabbaticals of one semester length.
• Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, USA "Ministry to Ministers" residential, sabbatical four months program
• La Salle Sangre de Cristo Center, New Mexico, USA 100 days Sabbatical Program. February & September
• Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California Wide range of courses
• School of Applied Theology (SAT) Berkeley, California 1 or 2 Semester Sabbaticals. Choice of modules - no written assignments Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians)
List of continuing education opportunities

- Sangre de Cristo, New Mexico
  Three-month program run by the De La Salle brothers

- Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge MA
  1 or 2 semester programs

- Vatican II Institute, Menlo Park, California
  Three-month program run alongside St Patrick’s
  Email: vat2ins@aol.com

- The Mercy Centre
  The Mercy Centre for Healing the Whole Person runs three-month sabbatical programs
  Email: themercycenter@aol.com

- Heythrop College, University of London, England

Australia

St Clements Retreat Centre
St Clement’s Retreat Centre offers structured Retreats for clergy, religious and lay people as well as the chance to simply “come aside to a quiet place and rest awhile”. A retreat can be as short as one day, a weekend or several weeks.

- PHONE: (02) 6380 5222
- FAX: (02) 6386 7353
- EMAIL: info@stclement.com.au St Mary’s Towers
  Douglas Park
  Run by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSCs), in spacious grounds about 2 hours south of Sydney.
  Contact: (02) 4630 9159 or (02) 4630 9232
towersretreat.abundance.org.au

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre
7 Nortons Lane, Wantima Sth (Melbourne)
Website: www.heartoflife.catholicau.com
Contact: (03) 9882 4033 holsc@bigpond.com

Campion Centre
Run by the Jesuits in Kew, Melbourne, the Campion Centre offers an extensive range of programs and retreats. Contact: (03) 9854 8110
campion_retreat@iprimus.com.au

Marymount Mercy Centre
Runs three and six month programs each year. The main areas of content are:
Theology and Mission, Scripture and Personal & Spiritual Development
www.marymount.com.au

St Joseph’s - Baulkham Hills
Run by the Sisters of St Joseph who are happy to arrange mini-sabbaticals, retreats or study sessions.
http://www.stjosephcentre.org.au/
64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills NSW
Contact: Sr Patricia
Stevenson patricia.stevenson@sosj.org.au
Tel: (02) 9634 2317 | Fax (02) 9899 4249

Personal Renewal for Ministry
The Presentation Spirituality Centre (Manly Qld) offers a 4 week renewal program for women and men engaged in ministry.

This program offers opportunities for prayer, study, spiritual direction, personal growth and integration, recreation and renewal activities.

It would suit people who are changing ministries, who are in transition, or who are looking to revitalise their present work. It could also be incorporated into a longer sabbatical program.

The Centre overlooks beautiful Moreton Bay and is close to the cities of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Website: http://www.pbvmin.org.au/pscmanly/program.html
Further information can be obtained by contacting the Coordinator:

Presentation Spirituality Centre, 26 Kooralgin Street,
Manly Qld 4179
Phone: (07) 3396 3290 Fax: (07) 3396 3298
Email: mathompson@dodo.com.au
Places to Study in Australia

Details of the following Australian Educational Centres can be accessed by clicking each of the Websites below.

- Yarra Theological Union - Box Hill, Victoria
- Melbourne College of Divinity
- Australian Catholic University - Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Ballarat
- Brisbane College of Theology
- Catholic Institute of Sydney - Strathfield, Sydney
- Catholic Theological College - East Melbourne
- Broken Bay Institute - Broken Bay
- Notre Dame University - Freemantle, Sydney, Broome
- John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family - East Melbourne
- United Faculty of Theology - Parkville, Victoria

New Zealand

Places for Study and Formation in New Zealand

- Renewal Program for clergy in Mosgiel (Dunedin), New Zealand.
  Topics to be covered include prayer, preaching, the Gospel of Mark, psycho-sexuality, transitions, etc.
  For more information contact Fr Mark Chamberlain machamberlain@hotmail.com or +64 (03) 488 2577