

# Jesuit Formation

TRAINING JESUITS TO SERVE FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Education • Spirituality • Service to the Poor • Special Studies

## JESUITS RECENTLY ORDAINED

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Sacred Theology,  
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## NOVITIATE



Robert Carlton



Ryan Masterson



James Riordan



Kyle Roark



James Sand



Matthew Spotts

A man enters the Society of Jesus as a novice. Novices spend two years living the life of the vows in community, learning the traditions of the Society, making the 30-day Spiritual Exercises retreat, and engaging in two "experiments" that include service to the poor.

## FIRST STUDIES

Having professed the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as a scholastic training to be a priest or brother, Jesuits move from the novitiate to a three-year period of philosophy and theology coursework called First Studies. Those who have already earned their bachelor's degree begin graduate studies. Loyola University Chicago, Fordham University, and St. Louis University host the First Studies programs.



Richard Beebe



Matthew Dunch



Joseph Koczera



Jacob Martin



Hung Nguyen



James Shea



Michael Singhurse



Eric Styles



Christian Wagner

**To be a Jesuit** is, above all, learning to live in God's presence. Such a life challenges one to pray, make practical decisions in the light of the gospel, and love as Christ loved. The formation process is governed by God, who shapes the life of the Jesuit—gently, truthfully, and consistently. The average length of Jesuit formation is about 10 years, depending on the man's background and previous course of studies.

### REGENCY

During regency the Jesuit works for two or three years in a school or other Jesuit apostolate and lives in an apostolic community.



William Blazek



Eric Sundrup

### THEOLOGY



James Ackerman



Michael Christiana



Lee Colombino



Mark Luedtke



Cyril Whitaker

After regency, Jesuit scholastics begin an intensive three-year study of theology. Those studying for the priesthood prepare at this time for ordination, while brothers typically earn a graduate degree in theology. Theology studies may be followed either by full-time apostolic work or specialized studies.

### TERTIANSHIP



Fr. Jim Collins



Fr. Dave Godleski



Fr. Ross Pribyl

After ordination and active ministry, a Jesuit completes his formation of prayer, guidance, and studies with tertianship.

### SPECIAL STUDIES



Fr. Peter Nguyen (STL) Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology



Fr. Charles Rodrigues (STL) Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology



Br. Michael O'Grady Special studies at the Center for Religious Development, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

As part of his ongoing formation, a Jesuit may pursue advanced studies.

“ One of the greatest consolations in my work with our young Jesuits in formation is knowing the gratitude they feel for all that they experience in their years of formation. At every Eucharist I celebrate with the men in my visits with them, at least one young scholastic or brother will raise your intention in prayer: *‘For our benefactors and their needs, and in gratitude for all who make our formation possible, we pray to the Lord.’* They are grateful men, grateful for the vital part you play in helping them live God's will. Great consolation, indeed! ”

—Ray Guiao, SJ, Provincial Assistant for Formation for Chicago and Detroit Provinces

