**Midwest Jesuits in Formation**

**NOVICES | First Year**

- 2021

**NOVICES | Second Year**

- 2020

**REGENCY**

**THEOLOGY | First Year**

**THEOLOGY | Second Year**

**THEOLOGY | Third Year**

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

**SPECIAL STUDIES**

**CROWNED | 2021**

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**FIRST STUDIES**

- After the novitiate, Jesuits continue on to first studies, a two- or three-year period of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology called first studies.

**NOVICES**

A man enters the Society of Jesus as a novice. Novices spend two years living in community while taking classes, making the 30-day retreat of the Spiritual Exercises, and engaging in a variety of ministries. At the end of that time, they profess perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as either a brother or a scholastic, with the primary difference being that scholastics intend to go on for ordination to the priesthood while brothers do not.

**SPECIAL STUDIES**

As part of his ongoing formation, a Jesuit may pursue advanced studies in a particular academic or professional field.

**ORDINATION**

Jesuits, those who are ordained, complete their formation with ordination. Following ordination, Jesuits begin an intensive study of theology. Scholastics preparing for ordination will earn a master of divinity.

**ORDINATION IN FORMATION**

Brothers undergo a slightly different and equally rigorous formation than that of their scholastic counterparts.

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**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

Some Jesuits in formation may have a special assignment that does not include active ministry or studies.

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**SPECIAL STUDIES**

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**TERTIARIES IN FORMATION**

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**SPECIAL STUDIES**

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**THEOLOGY**

Jesuits in formation as brothers undergo a slightly different and equally rigorous formation than that of their scholastic counterparts.
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Thomas Doran, David Herr, Benjamin Jansen, Min Keun Park, Ryan Serfas, and Noah Banasiewicz, Brian Burtka, Nathaniel Cortas, pronounced first vows in the Society of Jesus at a Mass on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at St. Michael the Archangel Church in St. Paul. The novices, who are studying in the Midwest, are from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Michigan. They are entering the fourth year of their Jesuit formation, and are in the process of making their first vows.

The total cost of forming a Jesuit from the time they enter as novices to the completion of formation reaches $525,000 each. I encourage you to join the Midwest Province Jesuits in praying for our men in formation on your own, or with others, for your gifts to and prayers for the Midwest Province. And I assure you of our prayers for you and your loved ones, as we all seek to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, to live and proclaim his Gospel.

Yours gratefully in Christ,
Fr. Charles V. Rodrigues, SJ
Provincial Assistant for Formation

To see all things new in Christ

“To see all things new in Christ” is the designation that we Jesuits and our partners have received as we observe this “Ignatian Year” celebrating 500 years of the conversion and subsequent legacy of Saint Ignatius. Having recently completed the first year of our rolling and accompanying our men in formation, I find myself almost the opportunity to see our Jesuit mission and service through their—yes, very gently opening their eyes to the incredible opportunities for mission and service that still lie ahead of them.

Over these months, I have been blessed with opportunities to witness our newly ordained priests helping others in the Fisher, while also hearing how their earlier training has emphasized a long-term impact in the work they’re doing. “Take it from the outset in this house and its tradition,” one of our new deacons shared: “it is worth teaching and coaching the high school in your joy as “serving the excitement in the faces of the students” which they enjoy the formation of performance.” And another, speaking of the mercy of both of local, that “in the midst of a roof falling, I realized to him as I cover, “I am so much. And our people are called to stand at every moment when they make a difference in the lives of others.”

Through the grace of God, our Jesuits and our partners are humbly and joyfully venturing into new ways of living and working together, to see all things new in Christ. How can we see the “incarnation of the glory of the coming of Our Lord!” among the Jesuits of the Midwest Province? As we observe this “Ignatian Year” celebrating 500 years of the conversion and subsequent legacy of Saint Ignatius, I am grateful to share this hope with you, our dear partners who do so much to make this promising future possible.

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“Joyful, you have no pain,” I’ve heard people say. “Joyful, you have no pain.” But I’ve also heard people say, “Joyful, you have no pain.” But I’ve also heard people say, “Joyful, you have no pain.” And I am grateful to share this hope with you, our dear partners who do so much to make this promising future possible.

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