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 be ordained to the priesthood while the brothers do not.

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

THEOLOGY: Following regency, Jesuits begin an intensive study of theology. Scholastics preparing for ordination will earn a master of divinity.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: Some Jesuits in formation step into a special assignment that does not fit into the categories listed above.

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ORDINATION: After completing theology studies, those Jesuits who are called to the priesthood are ordained.