

Course for Cistercian Superiors 2018



The 2010 General Chapter of the Cistercian Order established a formation course for new Cistercian superiors. After a very positive experience in 2011, it was decided that in the future all superiors would be invited to participate in this formation, and thereby also deepen the friendship and cooperation between superiors in the Order.

On the basis of this decision, which was renewed in the 2015 General Chapter, we present the program for the course to take place in 2018. Give that the establishment of this course was mandated by the General Chapter, new superiors of the Order are strongly encouraged to participate. All others are warmly invited.

Theme of the Course: Authority and Obedience

We will deepen this theme from different points of view, and we will be guided in our reflections by presentations from authoritative experts in different fields.

Date: From July 16 (arrival on July 15) to July 20 (departure on July 21) 2018

Place: Cistercian General House, Rome

Daily Schedule:

6.30	Lauds and Mass Breakfast
8.30	<i>Lectio divina</i> in language groups
9.30	Lecture in main hall Dialogue in language groups
13.00	Midday prayer Lunch, siesta
15.30	Lecture in main hall Dialogue in language groups
19.15	Vespers Dinner, recreation

Registration: For the sake of organizing the course well, participants are asked to register **before March 25, 2018** with the secretary of the course, Mrs. Agnese, at the following email address: ospiti@ocist.org. Participants should communicate the date and time of their arrival, their train station or their airport (Fiumicino or Ciampino) and flight number. Each participant should also indicate which languages he or she speaks in order to organize simultaneous translation at the course.

We entrust this encounter to the Holy Spirit. May it be for the entire Order an occasion to grow in the truth and unity of our vocation and mission.

Rome, January 15, 2018, on the memory of Saints Maur and Placid

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