



Central Secretariat for Formation- OCSO -  
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## Newsletter 22:

To the Superiors and the Regional Secretaries of the OCSO  
and to the brothers and sisters interested in formation.

As everyone already knows, the Central Commission met in Cîteaux, and Sr. Marie has finished her service at the Secretariat. We are all very grateful for the task done in these years. I will try to continue what she has been doing through this newsletters. I count on it with the help of the regional secretaries, and everything that the superiors send to them about what has been developed in the various communities regarding the formation. I transmit here what I have received so far. Thank you.

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### a) Course for the formators:

#### REM:

The meeting of trainers in Vitorchiano took place from May 20 to 25. There were different interventions of the participants, some of the topics discussed were:

- \* How does the monastic life according to the RB confront and respond to the ongoing anthropological revolution? [M. Monica de Valserena and others]
- \* The question and the answers to "unde malum". [M. Maria Francesca, Valserena]
- \* Aids and obstacles in the new anthropological models in the digital age to educate in the good life of the Gospel [fr. Angelo Benedettini di Germagno]
- \* Millenians. [fr. Amedeo, Monastero Cistercense di Pra d' Mill]
- \* Some criteria of discernment from some provocations of today's culture: the contribution of Stefano Guarinelli. [Bro. Roberto Loi (monastery of Dumenza)]
- \* Generation I. [community of Naší Paní]
- \* Christ is enough. [Sr. M. Ilaria delle benedettine of the Santissimo Sacramento di Ghiffa]
- \* Personal and group spiritual accompaniment. [Sister Alba and Maria Giovanna, Vitorchiano]

*The religion of Millennial: He believes in God, knows little about Jesus, prays in his own way, does not go to Mass, wonders what the Church is for, loves Pope Francis, in the community seeks warm relationships, thinks that believing is beautiful, confuses faith with ethics, has difficulty understanding the language of the Church.*

## La religione del Millennial



Annex: Contributions of the participants.

### b) In some Regions:

#### RéciF, CNE, REI :

The secretariat for the formation of RéciF, CNE et REI has organized a formation session on the Charter of Charity at the beginning of August at the abbey of La Trappe as announced in the previous Newsletter. The speakers were Dom Armand Veilleux and Mother Mary Helen Jackson (Superior General of the Bernardinas de Esquermes). About twenty brothers and sisters took part in it.

### c) Temporary professed:

#### US:

The US Region Junior Professed monks and nuns were at Mount Saint Mary's Abbey, Wrentham, for a two-week seminar May 20 – June 1. Monks from Conyers, Gethsemani, Guadalupe, Mepkin, and Vina joined with the nuns from Wrentham to learn from the two presenters, Br Colman O'Clabaigh, OSB from Glenstall Abbey in Ireland and Mother Sofia Millican from Wrentham. Br Colman gave a "guided tour" through monastic history and Mother Sofia spoke on John Cassian and led discussions on topics that emerged from her presentations. One day they all traveled to St Joseph's Abbey, Spencer for Br. Michael's Solemn Profession. The two week experience is best summarized by Mother Sofia's welcome message (see Annex)



#### d) Activities to come:

##### **ORIENS:**

In October the **formators** of the Japanese sub-region will meet for a workshop in Phare.

##### **NED:**

A two-day workshop on all unacceptable ways to cross boundaries and transgressive behavior will also take place in October. It is planned to use various forms of intervention, hoping to track real-life problems as they arise in each community, and begin a search for an answer to these problems.

##### **RE:**

PREM (Regional Programme of Studies of the Monasticat) and Fathers' course, this year on Elredo de Rieval.