Priestly Renewal (PR) Track

In reaching out to assist diocesan bishops and religious superiors, Franciscan University aims to provide a high-quality series of workshops for seminarians and priests desiring superlative, efficient, and pragmatic formation for their leadership roles in the new evangelization. We have developed means to help seminarians and priests explore authentically Catholic approaches to outreach, inculturation, and communicating the kerygma effectively with strong follow-up. The workshops available through this track provide seminarians and priests with deeper formation for missionary outreach and increase their ability to attune parish life to be truly outward-oriented centers of evangelization and discipleship. Undergirding this formation is the basic assumption that every man in Holy Orders is worth deep investment to foster excellence in that vocation, and that God’s grace and His Spirit can bring much from our poverty and weakness.

Forming those who form others.
**Pastoral Aspects**

1. Attending & Healing in Priestly Life  
2. Sacrifice & Suffering in Priestly Life  

**Liturigical Aspects**

1. Liturgy in Parish Life  
2. Saintly Models for Liturgical Renewal  

**Catechetical Aspects**

3. First Proclamation Skills  
4. Catechizing in a Priestly Way  
5. Homiletics By Example  

**Lectives:** Special Clerical Topics

1. The History of Catechesis I  
2. The History of Catechesis II  
3. The Content of the Christian Message I  
4. The Content of the Christian Message II  
5. The Methodology of Christian Catechetics I  
6. The Methodology of Christian Catechetics II  
7. Priestly Tasks in Parish Catechesis  
8. The Context of a Catechetical Priestly Culture  
9. Effective Sacramental Ministry in the RCIA Process  
10. Mentoring & Vocational Ministry  
11. Seeking to Heal Brokenness in Your Flock  
12. Catechesis at the Service of Better Homiletics  
13. Parish Organizational Health & the Art of Relationships  
14. Canon Law: Validity of Baptism  
15. Canon Law: Annulments & Dissolutions  
16. Canon Law: Denominational Considerations  
17. Canon Law: Conmunion & Special Situations  
18. Canon Law: Confirmation, Eastern Rites, & the Orthodox Churches  
19. Development of an Evangelizing & Welcoming Parish  
20. Mentoring Within a Parish  
21. Mentoring Among Priests  

**Pastors’ Workshops – Part I**

**Liturigical Aspects**

1. Becoming the Chief Liturgist I  
2. Liturgical Mentorship I  

**Catechetical Aspects**

3. Becoming the Parish’s Chief Catechist I  
4. Homiletics Mentorship I  

**Pastoral Aspects**

5. Becoming Another Christ to Others I  
6. Organizational Health: Leading & Managing  
7. Living Close to the Sheep  
8. Building a Hedge of Protection  

**Eelectives:** Parish Life Focus

1. Adult Faith & Moral Development  
2. Discipling Adults  
3. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis  
4. Baptism Preparation Ministry  
5. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation  
6. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis, & Liturgy  
7. Marriage Preparation Ministry  
8. Catechesis for Persons with Physical or Developmental Disabilities  
9. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines  
10. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives  
11. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry  
12. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice  
13. Three Approaches to the RCIA Process  
15. Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process: Gateways & Sources of Grace for Conversion  
16. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process: From Initial Motivation to Firm Conviction to a Catholic Worldview  
17. The Discernment Process for Participants’ Readiness for the Rites  
18. The Catechumenate for Rural Parishes  
19. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Mentoring Skills?  
20. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Spiritual Accompaniment?  
21. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Counseling Approaches?  

**Eelectives:** Family Life Focus

1. Counseling Toward Vocation  
2. Attunement & Openness to Others  
3. Empathic Listening  
4. Asking Good Questions  
5. Engaging Youth Culture  
6. Helping Children  
7. Helping Adolescents  
8. Helping Adults  
9. Helping Engaged Couples  
10. Helping New Parents  
11. Helping Married Couples  
12. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality  
13. Child Saints  
14. Some Means for Parishes to Foster Evangelizing Families  
15. Questions for Parishes in Discerning Evangelization Efforts for Families  
16. Fostering Vocations I & II  
17. Getting Parents Involved as Primary Educators  

**Eelectives:** Catechetical Helps

1. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture  
2. The Ecclesial Method  
3. Catechism & Other Magisterial Catechetical Documents  
4. Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith  
5. Analyzing Doctrine with Doctrinal Keys  
6. Contemporary Catechetical Issues & Their Philosophical Roots  
7. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion  
8. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis  
9. Planning for Success: Program Organization & Assessment  
10. Religious Education Material Evaluation & Selection  
11. Personality & Profile of the Successful PCL  
12. Evangelizing Catechesis: The 21st Century Mandate  

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**Seminarians’ Workshops**

**Liturigical Aspects**

1. Liturgy in Parish Life  
2. Saintly Models for Liturgical Renewal  

**Catechetical Aspects**

3. First Proclamation Skills  
4. Catechizing in a Priestly Way  
5. Homiletics By Example  

**Pastoral Aspects**

6. Sacrifice & Suffering in Priestly Life  
7. Mentoring & Guiding in Priestly Life  
8. Attending & Healing in Priestly Life  

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**Pastors’ Workshops – Part I**

**Liturigical Aspects**

1. Becoming the Chief Liturgist I  
2. Liturgical Mentorship I  

**Catechetical Aspects**

3. Becoming the Parish’s Chief Catechist I  
4. Homiletics Mentorship I  

**Pastoral Aspects**

5. Becoming Another Christ to Others I  
6. Organizational Health: Leading & Managing  
7. Living Close to the Sheep  
8. Building a Hedge of Protection  

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**Pastors’ Workshops – Part II**

**Liturigical Aspects**

1. Becoming the Chief Liturgist II  
2. Liturgical Mentorship II  

**Catechetical Aspects**

3. Becoming the Parish’s Chief Catechist II  
4. Homiletics Mentorship II  

**Pastoral Aspects**

5. Becoming Another Christ to Others II  
6. Organizational Health: Team Building  
7. Continuity Between Pastors  
8. Mentoring Parochial Vicars & Deacons  

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**Priests or seminarians taking this track are encouraged to focus initially on the core workshops listed above but may take as many workshops as they wish at no additional cost from the lists below as well. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.**