“International Priests Workshop”
Partnership to Support International Priests in Mission Dioceses
2016

To support international priests who are preaching and ministering in the mission dioceses, Catholic Extension and Saint Meinrad Seminary’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates have partnered with the diocese to offer Workshops in American Language and Culture for Priestly Ministry. This training aims to give international priests the skills needed to produce a standard North American accent, proclaim the Gospel and other liturgical texts in a listener-friendly manner for North American audiences, and learn strategies for effective interpersonal communication in the United States. This training is open to both international priests who are new to the US, as well as those priests who have served in the country for a while.

Using techniques from the Compton P-ESL and other research-based methods, participants will progress systematically through the essential elements of producing the target accent, including individual sounds, words, sentences and elements of prosody (rhythm, stress, intonation, and phrasing). Participants will then apply these principles to their proclamation of liturgical texts. The workshop then looks at American cultural values in their personal and professional contexts, negotiates cross-cultural conflict, and develops intercultural competence.

This training is best accomplished in eight, one-hour sessions. Workshops can take place over two or three days, depending on the needs and availability of the participants. Dioceses must be able to commit to at least two days of training in order to participate. Training is conducted between May and August.

The value of this partnership for the participating diocese is approximately $7,000.

This initiative will be made available to 3 mission dioceses in 2016.

Partner Contributions:

Saint Meinrad Seminary’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates:
Financial: Saint Meinrad Seminary’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates will contribute 40% of the cost of tuition and materials for this initiative.

Programmatic: Saint Meinrad Seminary’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates will deliver the “American Language and Culture for Priestly Ministry” Workshop in the diocese, over a two or three-day period.

Catholic Extension:
Financial: Catholic Extension will contribute 60% of the cost of tuition materials, as well as 100% of the travel costs for the workshop presenter, (including airfare and local accommodations), through reimbursement. Catholic Extension will offer to subsidize 50% of the costs of travel and lodging for priests who require overnight accommodations to attend the workshop, up to $1,000.

Host Diocese:
Financial: The mission diocese will contribute at least 50% of the cost of hosting the training program in their diocese, i.e. the classroom space for training, meals, travel and accommodations for priest participants.

Programmatic: The host diocese will have the support of the bishop, through his encouragement of priests to participate. The host diocese will also commit to the bishop being present at the workshop; if the bishop cannot be present for the entire workshop, then the bishop will be present for the convocation. The diocese will have no more than 25 priest participants, in order for the workshop to be effective.
### Breakdown of Partner Contributions:

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Appendix 1: Website and Program Information

For more information regarding the St. Meinrad’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates Language, Culture, and Ministry Workshops:

Websites:
http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/
http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/international-priests/communication-workshops/

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Appendix II: Bio of Program Presenter, Jeff Jenkins

Jeff Jenkins is the director of The Mader Learning Center at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, which assists students in mastering fundamental and advanced reading and writing skills, and provides special programs for students whose second language is English.

Jeff earned a BA from Murray State University, in organizational communication, an MA from Murray State University in TESOL - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, an MA from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Catholic Thought and Life, and a Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from the Catholic University of America.

Jeff is a certified trainer in the Compton method of Pronouncing English as a Second Language and a certified facilitator of Cultural Detective®, a dynamic series of tools for building cross-cultural competence.

In addition to his work in The Mader Learning Center, where he developed the curriculum for English as a Second Language (ESL) for international seminarians, he has extensive experience teaching ESL, having held various positions at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, as well as at privately owned companies in Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN; and Toyota, Japan. He has also worked in various Catholic ministry settings, including youth and college campus ministry.

Jeff provides accent acquisition training within the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates' World Priest Program, as well as individualized accent acquisition training online. He has developed and delivered workshop presentations for dioceses on the topic of culture, language and ministry. He is a member of TESOL, Inc., and the National Association of Lay Ministers. He is conversant in Spanish and basic Japanese.