

COURSE FOR CISTERCIAN SUPERIORS 2025

We are pleased to invite you to the Course for Cistercian Superiors 2025. It is intended to offer new and old superiors a week of training on useful and urgent topics for our communities, and also a valuable opportunity to deepen friendship and cooperation among the superiors of the Order. Since this course has been instituted by decision of the General Chapter, the Order's new superiors are strongly recommended to participate, and all others are warmly invited.

Course theme: PILGRIMS IN HOPE

In this year we want to live the Jubilee by deepening the relationship between hope and monastic life, from the Church's point of view. For this reason, the course will be led by the Prefect of the DIVCSVA, **Sister Simona Brambilla MC**, the Pro-Prefect of the DIVCSVA, **Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime SDB** and other representatives of the Dicastery. One day will be led by **Fr Fabio Rosini**, a biblical scholar from the Diocese of Rome, internationally known for the formation and evangelisation courses he proposes to young people. We will also give space for dialogue among us to help us share experiences and problems.

Dates: From 23 September (arrival on 22nd) to 27 September (departure after lunch) 2025

Location: Cistercian General House, Rome

Daily timetable:

6.30	Lauds and Holy Mass Breakfast
8.30	<i>Lectio divina</i> for language groups
9.30	Lesson in the Classroom
13.00	Midday Prayer Lunch-Siesta
15.30	Lesson in the Classroom
19.15	Vespers Dinner, Recreation

The morning of Thursday 25 we will make our jubilee pilgrimage to St. Peter's

Registration: To organise the course well, it is necessary to register **by 15 May 2025** with Fr. Procurator Lluc Torcal, at the e-mail address: lluc.torcal@ocist.org. In this first registration, **it is necessary to communicate the languages you know**, especially to organise the simultaneous translation. Subsequently, registrants will receive more detailed instructions.

We entrust this meeting to the Holy Spirit through Mary, Mother of Hope, so that it may be an opportunity for the whole Order to grow in the truth and fruitfulness of our vocation and mission.

Rome, 31 March 2025

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