

COURSE for CISTERCIAN SUPERIORS 2023



After the interruption caused by the Covid Pandemic, we are happy to send this convocation for the Course for Cistercian Superiors 2023. We hope to offer new and veteran superiors a week of formation on topics that are both useful and urgent for our communities as well as a valuable opportunity to deepen friendships and the collaboration among the superiors of the Order. As an institution called for by the General Chapter, new superiors are strongly urged to participate and all others are most cordially invited.

Topic for the Course: Authority and Freedom

We will deepen this topic with special attention given to the danger of Abuse of Power, whether psychologically or spiritually. We will be led by two professors: Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, and Professor Marianne Schlosser. There will also be time for discussions among ourselves so that we can help one another and share our difficulties and experiences.

Date: September 21 (arrival Sept. 20) to Sept. 26 (departure Sept. 27), 2023.

Place: Cistercian General House, Roma

Daily Schedule:

6.30	Lauds combined with Mass Breakfast
8.30	<i>Lectio divina</i> in language groups
9.30	Presentation and Discussion
13.00	Midday Prayer Lunch -- Siesta
15.30	Presentation and Discussion
19.15	Vespers Supper, Recreation

Sunday, September 24 we will enjoy a daylong outing to Subiaco.

Registration: For us to make arrangements, you are asked to **register by April 30, 2023** by emailing the Procurator General Fr. Lluc Torcal at lluc.torcal@ocist.org. For this initial registration, please indicate the languages in which you can communicate so that we can organize the simultaneous translation. Later those who have registered will receive more detailed instructions.

We entrust our meeting to Mary, Mother of the Word of God, and to the Holy Spirit, that it might be for the whole Order an occasion to grow in the truth and in fruitfulness in our vocation as shepherds.

Rome, March 15, 2023

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