



Casa Generalizia dell'Ordine Cistercense
Procuratore Generale

ONLINE COURSE 2026

Rome, 11/02/2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, in 2026, we are offering all the communities of the Cistercian Family a week of formation on a digital platform on the theme:

“Behold, I make all things new” (Rev 21:5) – How can Christ renew all things, and how do we open ourselves to this renewal of our monastic life?

With this theme we reflect on the truth of our vocation – *ad quid venisti?* – in order truly to be disciples of Christ:

“If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (Jn 8:31–32).

The course will take place from **May 4 to May 8, 2026**. The lectures will be simultaneously translated into various languages, depending on the participants. Each day, in order to accommodate the different time zones, the program includes sessions from **11:00 to 12:45** and from **14:30 to 16:00** (Rome time). In addition to the Chapter led by the Abbot General, we will be accompanied by two professors.

Course Program:

11:00–11:15

Chapter of the Abbot General

Mauro Giuseppe Lepori, OCist

11:20–12:00 and 12:10–12:45

Fr. Carlo Casalone, SJ

Professor of Moral Theology at the Gregorian University

Digital transition and spirituality

14:30–15:10 and 15:20–16:00

Dr. Nina Sofie Heereman

Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick’s Seminary and University
(Menlo Park, CA, USA)

“Fresh and dried, I have stored them up for you” (Song of Songs 7:14):
the Song of Songs and monastic renewal



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To participate, registration is required by email at **lluc.torcal@ocist.org**, no later than **April 18, 2026**. Once registration is completed, you will receive a confirmation. The Zoom link will be sent by email a few days before the meeting. We kindly ask you to provide the email address from which you will be connecting during the sessions.

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Fr. Lluc
Procurator General
Secretariat for Formation