



PROGRAMME FOR THE PREPARATION OF FORMATORS

2021

March 1 - July 30

UISG PROGRAMMES
2019 and 2020

77 Sisters
56 Congregations
49 Nationalities





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The programme will begin on **March 1, 2021 and continue through July 30, 2021**. It is intended to hold the programme at UISG. The programme is non-residential.

The later start will allow sufficient time to review how best to deliver the programme online if travel is still restricted. In the event of the programme moving online, the sessions will be reorganized during the same timeframe and the cost adjusted accordingly.

OUR PURPOSE

In response to the need to prepare sisters for formation ministry, the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) offers a programme in English for sisters taking up the responsibility of accompanying those in the initial stages of formation to religious life. This programme is offered in the context of the religious congregations of the participants and the needs of the church and the world in the 21st century.

Topics to be covered include:

- Processes of human and spiritual growth
- Intercultural living
- Vocation and the consecrated life
- Spirituality
- Prayer, community, ministry as dimensions of consecrated life
- The vows
- Discernment
- Mission in the context of the world today
- Stages of formation and their processes

During the programme, the participants form a **learning and supportive community**, take on leadership responsibilities and share the uniqueness of their cultures.

The participants will have **on-going mentoring** and an 8-Day Directed Retreat in Nemi and the opportunity for Psychological Assessment at the Institute of Psychology of the Gregorian University.

They will also have an opportunity **to visit significant places** for prayer and reflection.

In 2019, 33 women religious coming from 23 congregations and 25 nationalities attended the programme. In 2020, 44 sisters attended from 33 congregations and 24 nationalities.

"It is a very balanced programme with a wide range of topics and other activities. The richness of the participants coming from so many countries and religious congregations is very valuable."

"I found the programme very enriching, especially for my own personal growth. I experienced a kind of transformation that was very satisfying. I go back a different person and well prepared for the ministry of formation."



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The participants will:

- Be physically and psychologically healthy, self-aware, capable of reflection and interiorization
- Be open to different ways of living religious life and capable of dialogue and sharing in an intercultural context
- Have the potential to be a good formator
- Be professed of perpetual vows
- Be currently responsible for formation or already named for this role
- Have an adequate biblical and theological preparation
- Have a sufficient level of English to participate well in the programme
- Be recommended by their Superior General or Provincial as a current or future formator

The programme will offer various ways to help the participant integrate the content of the programme including personal reflection, group work and interaction, and personal accompaniment/mentoring. Each participant assumes the responsibility for her own human and spiritual growth and commits herself to active and engaged participation.

Procedure for Application:

- Fill in the Application Form [here](#)
- Submit completed application form and other requirements on or before September 30, 2020
- Be available for interview through Skype/Zoom at a date and time to be agreed
- After the interview, applications will be reviewed by the Coordination Team who will communicate the response to the Superior General and to the applicant.

Interviews will take place in **late September/early October 2020**.

The **total fee for the programme is € 3.850** with an initial payment of 200 euros, due when an applicant is accepted. The remainder should be paid by: **January 31, 2021**.

The payment should be sent to UISG Bank account and a copy sent to the following email:
formators.programme@uisg.org

Bank Transfer Details

UISG – International Union of Superiors General Name of Bank: Credito Valtellinese Address of Bank: Via S. Pio X, 06/10 – 00193 Rome

IBAN: IT18M052160322900000091195 (Note that IT is "IT" as in ITALY) BIC/SWIFT: BPCVIT2S

It is extremely important to indicate the reason for payment (UISG Programme for Formators) on the bank form and to include the Congregation's UISG Code Number