



CONGREGATION OF JESUS MARY JOSEPH

'JPIC in JMJ Formation'

JMJ FORMATORS CONFERENCE

 November 12-13, 2020 (online)

 Generalate, Via Tevere, ROME

In a world that hungers and thirsts for justice, our following of Jesus Christ in His poverty, calls us to solidarity with all who suffer. *"The option for the poor is an essential dimension of JMJ Charism and Spirituality, which needs to find expression in the life of every sister; in our community life, our apostolic choices. Being sensitive to the pressing needs of our times, we engage ourselves in ventures that alleviate human misery by reaching out to the people in the peripheries"*. (Consts. 15)

The primary objective of present-day Formation requires a gradual and systematic integration of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) in formation programmes with special reference to Pope Francis' Encyclicals 'Laudato Si' and 'Fratelli Tutti'. This assimilation intends to offer the formees, the moral and spiritual compass to create a more caring, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world; bonded in love, compassion and solidarity, and a more harmonious relationship with the natural world, our common home.

This online JMJ Formators Conference aims to offer the participants a deeper understanding of JPIC and how to integrate the spirit of JPIC into initial and ongoing formation programmes in the Congregation. All the JMJ Formators are welcome to attend the online conference. It will take place at **CJMJ Generalate, Via Tevere 5/D, ROME.**

Participation Online : Zoom Platform
Registration : up to 30 October 2020
Click here to register : <https://forms.gle/RzibMEkz4fx7sknQA>

Proposed Participants :

- Provincial / Regional Superior and Councillors responsible for Formation.
- Formators, Superiors, ISAC and IFT

Dates : From 12 to 13 November, 2020

Time : Rome : 9 am to 1 pm

Ghana : 8 am to 12 noon

India : 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm

N.B: The programme schedule is according to Rome time.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Thursday, November 12

*“God saw all He had made, and indeed it was very good.”
Genesis 1:31*

Reflection:

Pope Francis calls us to see the people, creatures, the soil, water, mountains, “everything... as a caress of God” (LS 84). The Lord’s abundant love shines throughout the world, bringing all of creation into this embrace. We are called to be open to the wonders of creation, and to lift our hearts and minds to praise the Lord. We believe each and every human person is valued and loved by God, especially those who are living in poverty. Indeed, all of creation reflects God’s goodness.

This requires us to be still, to listen to our neighbours and our sister earth, and hear what God is saying to us.

Prayer :

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other. You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, to be nourished by our Mother Earth. Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, especially the poor who suffer, so that all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Rachel McCarthy, CAFOD)

09:00

Prayer

09:10

Welcome

Sr. Innamma Yeruva,
Superior General,
JMJ Generalate, Rome

09:20

Session I

Formation for a
Prophetic Religious Life

Sr. Rachel Oommen, ICM,
General Councillor
Missionary Sisters of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rome

10:20

Session II

Formators’ Commitment to JPIC
in the light of Laudato Si’

11:00

BREAK

11.20

Session III

Integrating JPIC into different
Stages of Formation

12:10

Session IV

Cont’d

Sr. Rachel Oommen, ICM

13:00

REFLECTION

DAY 2: Friday, November 13

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.” 1 Timothy 4:4

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us (LS 1).

What Christians need is an “ecological conversion”, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them (LS 217)

Examination of conscience

It’s time to reflect on ways we may have turned away from loving God, our neighbour and the earth.

- How do my actions show that I love my neighbour, especially those who are living in poverty?
- Do I strive to cherish and protect creation, remembering that God is the creator of all? In what ways do I do this?

Prayer:

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the earth and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. In Jesus name, Amen.

Extract from ‘A prayer for our earth’, Laudato Si

09:00

Prayer

09:10

Session V

Fratelli Tutti and Formation

Sr. Patricia Murray, IBVM,
Executive Secretary,
International Union of
Superiors General (UISG), Rome

10.10

Session VI

New Approaches to
Initial Formation

Sr. Sheila Kinsey, FCJM,
Executive Co-Secretary, JPIC
Commission Secretariat, Rome

11.00

BREAK

11.20

Session VII

Presentation of Formation
Programmes - India & Ghana

12.30

Session VIII

Way Forward - Integration of
JPIC in JMJ Formation

Sr. Innamma Yeruva

13.00

Concluding remarks

Sr. Mary Karickakunnel,
General Councillor,
JMJ Generalate, Rome