

This programme has gained international renown for its excellence since it was established over twenty five years ago. The cross cultural setting of the Programme offers outstanding opportunities for personal and ministerial growth.

The programme is process oriented and intellectually challenging. The emphasis is on experiential learning while preparing people for

- * Initial and on-going formation
- * Leadership
 - * Emerging pastoral needs
 - * Transitions.



The multinational mix of the group adds a unique and enriching element which is celebrated in art, music, dance and cultural activities

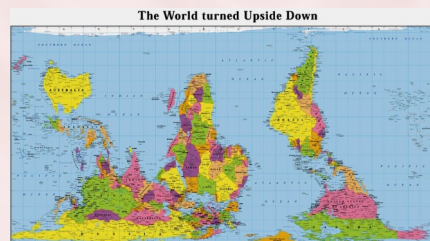
The *focus* in the programme is on the growth of the *participant* and then on those to whom she or he may be called to minister.



Personal development and integration is enhanced by

- intensive workshops on sexuality and family of origin issues,
- individual counselling and spiritual direction,
- liturgy, and prayer.

Participants gain a heightened awareness of the realities of the world today grounded in an immersion experience in a marginalised, urban, pastoral setting, which includes structured reflection on the experience.



Other workshops focus on accompaniment skills; building community; team work; group dynamics; intercultural; developing creativity .

Updating of theology and spirituality are accompanied by experiences of solitude and prayer including an eight day directed retreat.



Towards the end of the year the focus of the Programme shifts to

- initial and on-going formation
- leadership skills
- facilitation skills



Loreto House inspired me with creativity and hope; the grace to engage with difficult situations with a sense of maturity and objectivity; the ability to be open to new possibilities in life.
Francesca 99-01 Nigeria

The Loreto Course was an excellent preparation for coming into formator's role.
Cathal 02-03 Kenya

What has helped me most was the volume and variation of process work, both individually and in groups
Nora 82-83 Ireland

A wonderfully fruitful year
Allan 93-94 South Africa

The programme for me was the most important experience of formation of my entire religious life.

..this learning took place in an atmosphere of being loved, challenged, encouraged and accepted. To see others owning their vulnerability helped me to own mine.
Wally 95-96 Zimbabwe

The programme has made a deep impact on my life which enables me to live more fruitfully. I have grown in self confidence and self knowledge

The formation I received in Loreto House was simply invaluable. It has stood by me in various roles since—novice master, major superior and now leader of new mission on the Thai-Burma border...

John 92-93 New Zealand

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants will have

- completed third level education
- followed at least one year of Scripture / Theology / Spirituality studies or equivalent
- been recommended for this Programme by Congregational Leader or Bishop and one other person
- a desire to engage in this kind of programme.

Personal interview by the Team and / or others nominated by them will finalise selection. Late applications will be considered and included on a waiting list.

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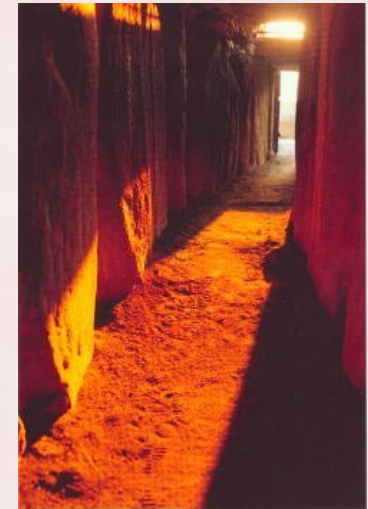
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