

***Introducing a Possible Program for Formators  
Journeying with New Members***

(A Note for Congregational Leaders and Formation Personnel)

The accompanying brochure and attached information concern a possible program to assist in the “Formation of New Formators” or to re-vitalise some who are currently involved in this ministry. At this stage, the project is still under discussion, but we understand that there are definitely Congregations looking for such a program and hoping that it will become available in 2008.

This is now emerging as a definite possibility. The project has been discussed with the Team at Marymount Mercy Centre in Castle Hill and they are willing to host the Program which would be held concurrently with the “New Life” Program from February 10 to August 3, 2008. Some elements of the latter Program will be incorporated into the course for the Formators, but there will be many other activities, lectures and workshops offered specifically for the Formators.

The brochure which accompanies this note is by no means definitive at this stage with regard to details about how the Program will operate. It simply gives a brief note on the historical background of this project, and then offers a tentative description of the possible contents of the program and some comments on its structure. This is definitely an area in which we need your help so that the design of the program will reflect the hopes of leaders.

To proceed with planning, we need further information about the intentions of interested Congregations. First of all, we need to have confirmation of their plans to send any of their members to the projected Program in 2008. It would also be extremely helpful to have their constructive comments and suggestions about the Program’s content and structure.

Applications for the proposed program will close on **June 15, 2007**. The applications will then be considered by a selection committee on **June 22, 2007**. Successful applicants will be advised as soon as possible after that date. It is anticipated that a maximum of 20 participants will be accepted for this initial program. Your return of the enclosed ***Request for Application Package Form*** as soon as possible to the Co-Directors of Marymount Mercy Centre will facilitate the next stage of this initiative.

We are suggesting a fee of \$12,000.00 (Australian Dollars) for this Program. The fee will cover Tuition, Accommodation and Board, Retreat, Spiritual Direction, Workshops, Small Group Facilitation and Group Excursions.

This is all definitely just a “work in progress” at this time, but we do see real prospects of developing a very supportive and constructive way to assist new formators in their ministry and in their own spiritual journey.

The Planning Committee  
*for*  
“Journeying with New Members”  
A course for the Formation of Formators