

- Update -
Formation Consultation Services

*Human Formation and Structured Autobiography
Process for Formators*

and/or

*Rediscovering the Sabbath
3-week Mini-Sabbatical Opportunity for Anyone*

20 March - 8 April 2011
Anawim Prayer and Retreat Centre, Wangi Wangi, NSW

Two Additional Opportunities

Last Friday 2 July FCS announced the Human Formation and Structured Autobiography Process for Formators, 26 February - 17 March 2011. Four formators have already registered for the program and it is now closed.

Through this email George Bilotta, PhD is proposing to add another 3-week program 20 March - 7 April 2011 to accommodate formators who might be interested.

During this additional 3-week period two parallel programs will be facilitated by Dr. Bilotta, as he did in 2010.

First, there will be the replication of the Human Formation and Structured Autobiography Process for Formators.

Second, Dr. Bilotta will also offer a mini-sabbatical experience based on the Structured Autobiography. This process is for any interested person who is looking for 3-week process to be used as a reflective mini-sabbatical experience, as a transition period, and/or as a self-exploration and human growth opportunity.

Again there is a limit of 4 participants between the two programs. Acceptance is based on a first come basis. **Registration deadline** is **25 August 2010**.

Details of the two programs follow below.

Program One: Formator Formation

Similar to the opportunity offered to formators over the past few years, this 3-week, 15-day process, based on FCS's Structured Autobiography, is again being provided by George Bilotta, PhD, Formation Consultation Services.

The program is for any formator who desires to add a significant human formation process through the use of FCS's Structured Autobiography to their vocational discernment, postulancy, novitiate, and/or post-novitiate program(s).

Formators learn the nuance of human formation by undertaking their own personal process first. We cannot accompany others where we have not been ourselves.

Program Description

Formators will be introduced to the foundational themes of human formation and will process the various chapters of the 180-page Structured Autobiography manual. Each workday will include a 1.5 hour group process session. The group forum will provide the opportunity to explore and converse about significant human formation themes along with the practical step-by-step implementation of the Structured Autobiography with candidates.

Furthermore, each formator will participate in a daily individual 1.45-hour process session with Dr. Bilotta. In addition, the program will explore areas that formators may feel somewhat uneasy with and/or unsure about.

With the completion of the program, formators will be prepared with some backup supervision to guide individuals in initial formation through FCS's Structured Autobiography.

Program Two: Mini-Sabbatical

A time to reflect, to take one's pulse, to breathe deeply, to slow down and explore. A central focus of this mini-sabbatical is to name, claim and work with that which blocks your eyes to see, your ears to hear, and your heart to feel. Through self-awareness, compassion for self, and conversion of the heart, you are invited to:

- recover your vision and passion
- increase your sensibility of the sacred

- rediscover your inner wisdom
- revitalize your spirit and joy for ministry and life.

Similar to Human Formation and Structured Autobiography Process for Formators, the mini-sabbatical is also based on FCS's Structured Autobiography. The mini-sabbatical like FCS's Rediscovering the Sabbath process offer much flexibility and individualization to correspond to the particular needs and desires of the participant. Mini-Sabbatical participants will participate in a daily individual 1.45 hour process session with Dr. Bilotta and join in the daily group conversation and sharing for 1.30 hours.

Schedule for Both Programs

Arrival: Sunday, 20 March 2011

Begin: 3:00 PM Sunday, 20 March with an orientation session

Weekends: Weekends of Saturday and Sunday 26 & 27, 2 & 3 April are days of rest

Conclude: Thursday 7 April following celebratory evening meal

Depart: Friday morning 8 April

Venue: Anawim Prayer and Retreat Center
Wangi Wangi, NSW
on the western shores of Lake Macquarie

Fee

\$9,800 USD includes introductory phone consultation, share of transportation, room & board, materials, program, one follow-up telephone consultation

Four Participants

There is a limit of 4 participants. Participation is based on a first come basis. If you want to speak to an alumnus of the program email Dr. Bilotta. He will supply you with some references.

Enrollment

To enroll in the program and/or for additional information, please contact George Bilotta directly at Formation Consultation Services, email: georgebilotta@mac.com.

Deadline for enrollment is 25 August 2010.

About George J Bilotta, PhD

George J Bilotta, PhD, Formation Consultation Services, has advanced degrees, formation, and years of experience in psychology, systems theory, philosophy, theology, group dynamics, and spirituality. He has worked along with religious and clergy for twenty plus years.

January 2011 will mark his eighth trip to Australia within the past six years. These working trips have him involved with many religious communities and individual formators in New South Wales and Victoria. His expertise is human formation.

As a dynamic presenter and engaging facilitator he fosters leadership formation with individual leaders and leadership teams by focusing on the rebalancing of a leader's self-interest-ego strivings. Through FCS he has developed human formation programs for formators. He assists formators and their communities to inaugurate comprehensive human formation processes particularly for their initial formation candidates, as well as for ongoing human formation within the Province.

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