Jesuits in Formation
in the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces

The Path of Formation

Jesuit novices from the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces enter Saint Andrew Hall in Syracuse, N.Y., for the two-year Novitiate program, culminating in the profession of perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In First Studies after the novitiate, most Jesuits study philosophy and theology for three years at Loyola University Chicago, Saint Louis University or Fordham University.

In Regency, Jesuits work full time for two or three years at a Jesuit work or apostolate, such as an educational institution, or in pastoral ministry.

In Theology, Jesuits continue advanced studies for three years at one of three locations in North America (the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, located in Berkeley, Calif., or Regis University in Toronto) or at the Gregorian University in Rome.

Recently Ordained includes men who completed theology studies and were ordained as priests.

Jesuit Brothers undergo a slightly different but equally rigorous formation process of studies and apostolic work.

Tertianship is the final step in the formation process and the period of preparation before making final vows in the Society of Jesus.