

Sabbatical Programs for Priests

1. Ministry to Ministers Program at Oblate School of Theology (San Antonio, TX): <https://ost.edu/about/>
2. Center for Continuing Formation at St. Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore, MD): <http://www.stmarys.edu/the-center-for-continuing-formation/clergy-programs/>
3. Institute of Continuing Theological Education (Pontifical North American College): <https://www.pnac.org/icte/about-icte/>
4. St. Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates (St. Meinrad, IN): <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/mini-sabbatical/>
5. Diocese of Owensboro, KY Sabbatical Program Opportunities ([PDF list](#))
6. Santa Clara University Jesuit School of Theology Renewal Program (Santa Clara, CA): <https://www.scu.edu/jst/academics/special-programs/-jst-renewal-program-a-sabbatical-experience/>
 - FYI: Possible sabbatical programs in the US and over the world can also be found on this website; click on Sabbatical Resources in the upper right side. However, some information may be out of date.
7. Mercy by the Sea Retreat and Conference Center (Madison, CT) <https://www.mercybythesea.org/programs-and-retreats/sabbatical-time/>
8. Vatican II Institute for Clergy Formation at St. Patrick's Seminary (Menlo Park, CA) – no website available, but here is a brochure for their program back in 2012 that has more information: https://www.stpsu.edu/images/stories/Sabbatical_Brochure_2012-13.pdf
9. The Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL) <http://ctu.edu/special-programs/#1506091849898-710f1503-c15fa14d-d739>
10. The S.A.T. Sabbatical at School of Applied Theology (Oakland, CA) <https://www.satgtu.org/full-sabbatical/>
11. San Pedro Spiritual Development Center (Winter Park, FL) <https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/>
12. Tantur Ecumenical Institute of the University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN): <https://tantur.org/enrichment-renewal-programs/>
13. Redemptorist Renewal Center (Tucson, AZ): <http://desertrenewal.org/>

Other suggestions:

- Camino de Santiago - The pilgrimage can take one of dozens of routes to Santiago de Compostela, in the northwest corner of Spain. Traditionally, as with most pilgrimages, the Way of Saint James began at one's home and ended at the pilgrimage site. However, a few of the routes are considered main ones. During the Middle Ages, the route was highly travelled. However,

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the Black Death, the Protestant Reformation, and political unrest in 16th century Europe led to its decline. By the 1980s, only a few pilgrims per year arrived in Santiago. In October 1987, the route was declared the first European Cultural Route by the Council of Europe; it was also named one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. Since the 1980s the route has attracted a growing number of modern-day international pilgrims.

- Lilly Grant Program: <https://www.cts.edu/cpe/clergy-renewal/>. May cover all the expenses of a priest's sabbatical, including the salary of the priest's replacement at the parish as well as provision for continuing education of parish staff and parish leadership. Obtaining a Lilly Grant saves the parish and the Archdiocese a great deal of expense in order to allow our priests to go on sabbatical. **Lilly's deadline for grant applications is in April – at least a year in advance of the planned sabbatical, and their decisions are made in August.**