

COMMON APOSTOLIC DISCERNMENT (CAD)
In the light of the 35th General Congregation

Secretariat of Ignatian Spirituality
Curia of the Society of Jesús, Rome

COURSE – WORKSHOP
Rome, January 19th to February 3rd, 2009

Brief General Description

The objective of the experience is to live an experience of common apostolic discernment in the light of the Ignatian way of proceeding, taking for the material to be discerned, the chief points discussed and the Decrees issued by the GC 35 of the Society of Jesus.

Throughout the process of Common Apostolic Discernment we will follow the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius.

During the Session/Workshop guided visits to Ignatian places in Rome will be organized during the week-ends as well as assisting on a Wednesday morning to a public audience with the Pope.

Three principal objectives of the course/workshop

- *To get inspiration from and implement in our life style (personal, community and apostolic) the principal lines of action and orientations of GC 35.*
- *To make the experience of a common apostolic*

discernment.

- *To acquire adequate tools [to learn - by doing], a method of common discernment so as to be able to apply it to the local apostolic needs.*

Participants to whom this experience is addressed

- *Jesuits, religious— men and women -, priests and laity [the whole apostolic network which takes its inspiration from Ignatian Spirituality]*
- *Persons who are interested in and look for tools of the Ignatian style so as to discern apostolically in community, having as background and material the GC 35.*
- *Persons who exercise some type of apostolic leadership: those involved in formation, animators of apostolic teams/works, local superiors or those responsible in communities, etc.*

Conditions

- *To have a good experience of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.*
- *To have the desire and be ready to share in depth in the small groups (6 persons; sometimes 12 when two groups join together). It is a question of a personal and community experience more than a mere academic course based on conferences.*
- *To have a certain apostolic experience. The Session/ Workshop is not for beginners.*
- *To commit oneself to participate in it from the beginning of the first day of the experience until the end of the session.*

- *To know English, at least in a passive way, so as to be able to understand the conferences and the plenary assemblies. The work in groups will be in language groups*

Process and Method of Work

The process of the Experience/Workshop will have three great stages: The 35th GC; common apostolic discernment; reflection-synthesis-projection.

Throughout the twelve working days, the dynamics of a working procedure - personal assimilation, work in small groups and plenary assemblies - will be followed. The process of common discernment begins on the first day of the course/workshop but acquires greater intensity during the second week of the Sessions.

A. Stage I: From Monday 19th to Friday 23rd January 2009

- *Way of procedure, contents, Decrees of the GC 35*
- *In the morning presentations/conferences delivered by participants/delegates of the GC 35 and/or experts in these same areas [text-context-challenges-novelty- new callings-difficulties]*
- *In the afternoon the central work will be done in small language groups: assimilation of the content given in the morning, shared readings, etc. Plenary assemblies for clarification, deepening.*
- *In a way similar to the Spiritual Exercises, during this week, the personal and group conditions are created, to be able to enter into the experience of common apostolic discernment: it is how to live the Principle and Foundation at community level.*

B. Stage II: From Monday 26th to Friday 30th January 2009

- *Common Apostolic Discernment*

- Group process lived: at a personal level, as a small community and in a larger group, plenary assembly.

Working groups will be self managed with the help of experts. It is a question of LEARNING BY DOING common apostolic discernment. The dynamics includes plenary sessions of preparation and evaluations of the processes that have been lived, synthesis by stages, etc. A team of experts will be available all the time for persons and groups.

- *In a similar way analogical to the Spiritual Exercises, during this second stage, elements of the first week of the Spiritual Exercises will be lived [sin in the world: our collective sins, our personal sins; salvation]; dynamisms of the second week of the Spiritual Exercises: the hidden life or the way of God's acting, the call/Kingdom, the two standards, etc., personal election and confirmation aided by common discernment.*

C. Stage III: From Monday 2nd to Tuesday 3rd February 2009

Reflection – synthesis – apostolic projection of the lived experience and method, for an eventual application in the place of the community of life and /or of the apostolic work.

Working Team

- *Organizes and invites:*
Secretariat of Ignatian Spirituality of the Society of Jesus, Curia – Rome.
- *Person responsible for the Course/Workshop:*
Edward Mercieca, s.j.
- *Stable Team of Consultants during the whole session:* **Michel Bacq, s.j. (BML), Frank Janin, s.j. (BML), Chantal de Jonghe, RSCJ** [Members of ESDAC – Practice of discernment]

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in common, Belgium]

- *Invited speakers according to the theme to be discussed:*
Collaboration in Mission (**Michael Holman, s.j. (BRI)**;
Identity (**Antoine Kerbuel, s.j. (GAL)**;
Discernment Processes in GC35 (**Daniel Patrick L. Huang, s.j. (PHI)**).

On the first day of the Course/Workshop,
Father General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J. will be present.

Languages which will be used:

The whole Course/Workshop will be given in English. However,
language groups will be formed for the sharing and work in small groups.

Number of Participants:

The number of participants is limited to 110 persons of whom 60 places will
be reserved for Jesuits

Day of arrival: Sunday 18th January 2009
Day of Departure: Wednesday 4th February 2009

Place where the Session will be held

Casa di Esercizi Spirituali
Nostra Signora Madre della Misericordia
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Because of the nature of the experience itself and also because of the international composition of the group - Jesuits, religious and lay persons - living and working together during two weeks in the same house, will help to grow and to learn to collaborate in mission.

The cost of the experience /workshop

Euro: 1,000 (one thousand Euros)

This amount includes the board and room for the time of the session and also the cost of the Session itself. It covers the cost from Sunday January 18th (arrival) until Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

We have a limited number of partial economic subsidies for needy lay persons who wish to participate in the course/workshop. Eventually this help may also be extended to secular priests and nuns in particular need of assistance.

Persons interested in the Course/Workshop will eventually receive more detailed information regarding transport facilities, etc.

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From Monday, January 19th – Tuesday, February 03th. 2009

APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Surnames:

Postal Address:

Email: _____

Age: _____

Congregation/Institute/Diocese:

Province S.J.: _____

Present Work:

Reasons for participating in the course / workshop

Previous pastoral experience:

Studies/Courses made on the subject:

*Note: You may download the application form from our
webpage <http://www.sjweb.info/cis/> and send it to us.*

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