

# Sabbatical Programs

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*Are you interested in a local assessment of any of these courses or programs? We may be able to put you in touch with some Australian bishop, priest or deacon who has undertaken the course in the last couple of years. For more information, [contact us \(office@clergy.org.au\)](mailto:office@clergy.org.au)*

## ROME

- The Institute for Continuing Theological Education is offered by the North American College, Rome.  
[www.pnac.org](http://www.pnac.org).  
More than 2,300 priests have attended the Institute since its inauguration in 1971. The Institute offers two twelve-week theological renewal programs for priests each year: Fall and Spring Semesters.

## BELGIUM

- American College of Louvain, Leuven, Belgium  
Sabbatical programs from one to nine months as well as full degree programs.  
Semester sabbatical students are also entitled to participate in two-week Sedes Sapientiae program.

## ENGLAND

- Hawkstone Hall, Shrewsbury, England  
Three sabbaticals per year, 1 X 10 weeks and 2 X 12 weeks
- St Bueno's, North Wales  
Three-month program in apostolic spirituality or 10-week course in the practice of retreat and spiritual direction  
Email: [StBuenos@aol.com](mailto:StBuenos@aol.com)

## IRELAND

- All Hallows, Ireland  
"Renewal for Ministry" sabbatical programs of one, three, six or twelve month's duration:  
<http://www.allhallows.ie/programmes/adultcommunity/renewal-for-ministry.html>
- Marianella, Dublin, Ireland  
A centre for study and renewal:  
Three month and one month renewal programs and 1 & 2 week summer schools
- Milltown Institute, Dublin  
One-year program in theology and spirituality

## ISRAEL

- Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel  
Four weeks, six weeks and three month long programs offered.
- Ecce Homo Convent, Jerusalem, Israel  
Courses to study the Bible through text and excursions to explore the Land

## SCOTLAND

- St Mary's Kinnoull, Perth, Scotland  
Redemptorist International Renewal Centre offering a 7-week program

## USA

- The Institute for Spirituality & Worship, Berkley, USA  
One or Two Semester Sabbatical Program
- Institute of Pastoral Studies, Chicago, Chicago, USA  
Located at Loyola University. Sabbaticals of one semester length.
- Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, USA  
"Ministry to Ministers" residential, sabbatical four months program
- La Salle Sangre de Cristo Center, New Mexico, USA  
100 days Sabbatical Program. February & September
- Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California  
Wide range of courses
- School of Applied Theology (SAT) Berkeley, California  
1 or 2 Semester Sabbaticals. Choice of modules - no written assignments  
Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians)

## List of continuing education opportunities

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- Sangre de Cristo, New Mexico  
Three-month program run by the De La Salle brothers
- Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge MA  
1 or 2 semester programs
- Vatican II Institute, Menlo Park, California  
Three-month program run alongside St Patrick's
- Offers degrees in Philosophy and Theology
- Seminary  
Email: vat2ins@aol.com
- The Mercy Centre  
The Mercy Centre for Healing the Whole Person runs three-month sabbatical programs  
Email: themercycenter@aol.com
- Heythrop College, University of London, England

## Australia

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### St Clements Retreat Centre

St Clement's Retreat Centre offers structured Retreats for clergy, religious and lay people as well as the chance to simply "come aside to a quiet place and rest awhile". A retreat can be as short as one day, a weekend or several weeks.

- <http://www.stclement.com.au/>
- PHONE: (02) 6380 5222
- FAX: (02) 6386 7353
- EMAIL: [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) St Mary's Towers Douglas Park

Run by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSCs), in spacious grounds about 2 hours south of Sydney.  
Contact: (02) 4630 9159 or (02) 4630 9232  
[towersretreat.abundance.org.au](http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au)

### Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

7 Nortons Lane, Wantima Sth (Melbourne)  
Website: [www.heartoflife.catholicau.com](http://www.heartoflife.catholicau.com)  
Contact: (03) 9882 4033 [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)

### Campion Centre

Run by the Jesuits in Kew, Melbourne, the Campion Centre offers an extensive range of programs and retreats. Contact: (03) 9854 8110  
[campion\\_retreat@iprimus.com.au](mailto:campion_retreat@iprimus.com.au)

### Marymount Mercy Centre

Runs three and six month programs each year. the main areas of content are:  
Theology and Mission, Scripture and Personal & Spiritual Development  
[www.marymount.com.au](http://www.marymount.com.au)

### St Joseph's - Baulkham Hills

Run by the Sisters of St Joseph who are happy to arrange mini-sabbaticals, retreats or study sessions.

<http://www.stjosephscentre.org.au/>  
64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills NSW  
Contact: Sr Patricia  
[Stevenson.patricia.stevenson@sosj.org.au](mailto:Stevenson.patricia.stevenson@sosj.org.au)  
Tel: (02) 9634 2317 | Fax (02) 9899 4249

### Personal Renewal for Ministry

The Presentation Spirituality Centre (Manly Qld) offers a 4 week renewal program for women and men engaged in ministry.

This program offers opportunities for prayer, study, spiritual direction, personal growth and integration, recreation and renewal activities.

It would suit people who are changing ministries, who are in transition, or who are looking to revitalise their present work. It could also be incorporated into a longer sabbatical program.

The Centre overlooks beautiful Moreton Bay and is close to the cities of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Website: <http://www.pbvm.org.au/pscmmanly/program.html>  
Further information can be obtained by contacting the Coordinator:

Presentation Spirituality Centre, 26 Kooralgin Street, Manly Qld 4179  
Phone: (07) 3396 3290 Fax: (07) 3396 3298  
Email: [mathompson@dodo.com.au](mailto:mathompson@dodo.com.au)

# Places to Study in Australia

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Details of the following Australian Educational Centres can be accessed by clicking each of the Websites below.

- Yarra Theological Union - Box Hill, Victoria
- Melbourne College of Divinity
- Australian Catholic University - Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Ballarat
- Brisbane College of Theology
- Catholic Institute of Sydney - Strathfield, Sydney
- Catholic Theological College - East Melbourne
- Broken Bay Institute - Broken Bay
- Notre Dame University - Freemantle, Sydney, Broome
- John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family - East Melbourne
- United Faculty of Theology - Parkville, Victoria

## New Zealand

*Places for Study and Formation in New Zealand*

- Renewal Program for clergy in Mosgiel (Dunedin), New Zealand.  
Topics to be covered include prayer, preaching, the Gospel of Mark, psycho-sexuality, transitions, etc.  
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