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Webinar Series
Getting the Most out of a Psychological Assessment

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Opening Prayer 

May today there be peace within!
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.

St Theresa of Avila

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“The Webinar Series”


Part One is today – May 2nd
“Understanding the Basics”

May 16th

Part Two: “Dealing with Difficult Findings and Difficult Realities”

May 30th

Part Three: “Developing and Managing Inter-Cultural Competencies w/n formation”



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OBJECTIVES

1. What model is the best to use?

- ❖ Explains the *collaborative model*:
 - process of dialogue and engagement between – vocations, formation, organization and assessor,
 - and difference between 'screening' for problems and 'assessing' the "rightness of fit."


2. How can one integrate the findings into formation?

- ❖ explains the ways to know strengths and areas of growth within the formational process.

3. What are the problems and opportunities here?

- ❖ explains the precautions in protecting rights and the possibilities for change.




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Ecclesial and Religious Documents

The Context:

- Understanding the Vatican Documents
- Understanding the USCCB Documentation
- Contextualization of the Religious Reality today.
- Various resources.

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THE NEW MODEL

- **The conceptualization and development of the new “Model.”**
- **Understanding the research from CARA.**
- **Development, practice and history of previous models**
- **The collaboration that is now recommended and necessary.**


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Collaboration

- **What is the process of dialogue and engagement between – vocations, formation, organization and assessor?**


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Screening Issues

What might be the differences between screening for problems and assessing “rightness of fit”?

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Integration




How can one integrate the findings into the formation processes?

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What might be the best ways to know and use strengths and areas of growth of each person within the formational process?

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Opportunities





What might be the best ways to explore the possibilities in this new model?

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 **Problems and Cautions** 

What are key cautions to have in protecting the rights of all concerned? The person? The community? The church?

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 **Resources** 

Sperry, L. Ministry and Community: Recognizing, Healing and Predicting Ministry Impairment (2000)


Sperry, L. Transforming Self and Community: Revisioning Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction (2002)

Sperry, L. Sex, Priestly Ministry and the Church: Understanding and Treating Sexual Addiction (2003)

McGlone, G. & Sperry, L. The Inner World of Priests (2012)


Ortiz, F & McGlone, G. To Be One In Christ: Intercultural Formation and Ministry (2015)

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 **Questions?** 

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Closing Prayer




Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than **FALLING IN LOVE** in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, What seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekend, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. **Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.**

- Pedro Arrupe, SJ
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Upcoming CMSM Program Offerings

[NRVC and CMSM Summer Workshops](#)

- ❖ [July 16th to July 20th](#)
- ❖ [Assessment of Family of Origin Issues](#)
- ❖ [July 20th to 21st](#)
- ❖ [Developing Intercultural Competencies Skills in Assessment](#)
- ❖ [CMSM Pre-Assembly - July 31st 2018 - Saint Louis, MO.](#)
Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics: When and why are young Catholics leaving the Church? Hear what they are saying and what it means - beyond the statistics.
- ❖ [CMSM National Assembly - July 31st to August 3rd 2018 - Saint Louis, MO.](#)
Youth and Religious Leadership Together: Discerning in Missionary Discipleship
 This year's theme anticipates the October 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment and includes a special track for youth, young adult and vocation ministry teams!
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Upcoming RFC Program Offerings

❖ **WEBINARS: *Getting the Most out of a Psychological Assessment***

Presented by the Religious Formation Conference in partnership with Conference of Major Superiors of Men

PRESENTER: Dr. Jerry McGuire, SI, PhD

May 16: Dealing with Difficult Findings & Difficult Realities;
May 30: Developing & Managing Inter-cultural Competencies within Formation



❖ **ForMission**

For women and men in the ministry of formation

New cohort begins: May 31-June 8, 2018

Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL

❖ **Life Commitment Program**

For women and men religious anticipating perpetual profession

July 16-24, 2018

Marillac Center, Leavenworth, KS

❖ **Orientation to Formation**

For formation directors and congregation/province leaders

PRESENTERS: Helen Cahill, OP & Henry Beck, OFM

October 12-14, 2018

Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL



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