

THE PROCESS OF DISCERNMENT AND FORMATION

Last fall's fundraising campaign was initiated to provide money for the recruitment and formation of candidates for the incorporated Eudists, men who eventually become Eudist priests. The process involves two steps, first a period of discernment and then one of formation. The first part is divided into two sections, and at present is under the direction of Fr. Andrés Arango, a Eudist priest from Cartagena, Columbia.

Section one is meant for men interested in joining the Eudist Congregation but are not yet sure of their vocation. This six-month stint occurs as the candidate is linked with one of the incorporated or associate members in order for him to begin contact through group meals and prayer meetings while staying in his same environment, whether it be studying or working.

The second session, another six month period, continues for candidates still interested in deepening their rapport with the Congregation beginning with a residency program which takes place at the House of Discernment located on El Cerrito Avenue in San Diego, next door to the Blessed Sacrament Parish complex. Incidentally, the Congregation is looking for a donated house, which would be owned, not rented, by the Eudists for this critical part of the process toward incorporation into their organization.

Following this year of discernment, candidates enter into the second part of the process, a rigorous study program of at least five years of philosophy and theology. The Eudists are presently in the Diocese of San Diego, California and Buffalo, N.Y. in the United States. The St. John Eudes Center is in Buffalo, but its activities take place all over the United States.

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