

## FEES/PAYMENT

___ Registration	\$400
<i>(Includes tuition, room and board, socials)</i>	
___ Excursion to Oklahoma City	\$ 70
<i>(Includes meal, museum and transportation)</i>	
___ Airport transfer (if necessary)	\$ 35
<b>Total Applicable Fees:</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

### Payment Method:

\_\_\_\_\_ *I am paying by check.*  
 Make checks payable to: St. Gregory's Abbey

\_\_\_\_\_ *I am paying by credit card*



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 and to register on-line.

**Please return form and check by May 1st:**

**Fr. Peter Shults, OSB**  
**St. Gregory's Abbey**  
**1900 W. MacArthur Street**  
**Shawnee, OK 74804**  
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### Thursday Evening Excursion to OKC

*This year our excursion will include a tour of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine and Museum, a visit to the outdoor Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial, and dinner in downtown Oklahoma City. Transportation will be provided.*

## Schedule

### Monday – June 1st - Travel Day and Arrivals

5:00 PM: Vespers - Abbey Church  
 5:45 PM: Dinner with Monks  
 7:15 PM: Compline - Abbey Church  
 7:45 PM: Haustus - Mark Braun Hall

### Tuesday – June 2nd

5:30 AM: Vigils - Abbey Church  
 6:30 AM: Continental Breakfast  
 7:15 AM: Lauds - Abbey Church  
 8:15 AM: Mass - Abbey Church  
 9:30 – 11:30 AM Morning Session - Conference Center  
*\*Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, Psy. D. – GenZ Formation Challenges*  
 12:00 PM Sext- Abbey Church  
 12:15 PM Lunch with Monks  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM Afternoon Session Conference Center  
*\*Dr. Crystal Taylor-Dietz, Psy. D. – GenZ Formation Challenges*  
 5:00 PM Vespers - Abbey Church  
 5:45 PM: Private Dinner  
 7:15 PM: Compline - Abbey Church  
 7:45 PM: Haustus - Mark Braun Hall

### Wednesday – June 3rd

5:30 AM: Vigils - Abbey Church  
 6:30 AM Continental Breakfast - Mark Braun Hall  
 7:15 AM Lauds - Abbey Church  
 8:15 AM Mass - Abbey Church  
 9:30 – 11:30 AM Morning Session - Conference Center  
*\*Fr. Samuel Hakeem, O.P. – GenZ Formation & Recruitment Challenges*  
 12:00 PM Sext - Abbey Church  
 12:15 – Lunch with Monks  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM Afternoon Session - Conference Center  
*\*Fr. Samuel Hakeem, O.P. – GenZ Formation & Recruitment Challenges*  
 5:00 PM Vespers - Abbey Church  
 5:45 PM: Private Dinner  
 7:15 PM: Compline - Abbey Church  
 7:45 PM: Museum Tour - Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art

### Thursday – June 4th

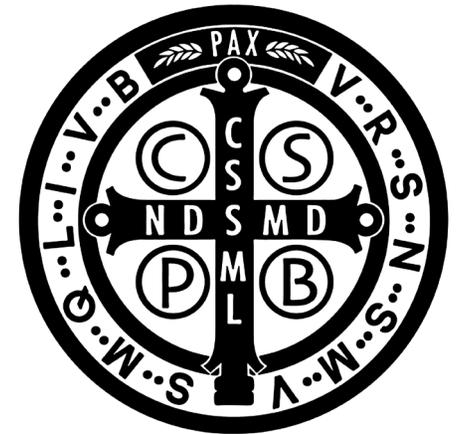
5:30AM: Vigils - Abbey Church  
 6:30 AM: - Continental Breakfast - Mark Braun Hall  
 7:15 AM: Lauds - Abbey Church  
 8:15 AM: Mass - Abbey Church  
 9:30 – 11:30 AM Morning Session Conference Center  
*\*Anthony Coker/CLINIC Religious Communities and Immigration*  
 12:00PM - Sext- Abbey Church  
 12:15 – 12:45 PM Lunch with Monks Refectory  
 1:15 p.m. - Excursion and Dinner

### Friday – June 5th - Departures and Travel

5:30 AM Vigils - Abbey Church  
 6:30AM Continental Breakfast - Mark Braun Hall  
 7:15 AM - Lauds - Abbey Church  
 8:15AM Mass - Abbey Church

# FORMING GEN Z

Opportunities and Challenges in the  
 Monastic Formation of a Diverse Generation.



## FORMATORS WORKSHOP

June 1-5, 2026

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As our monastic communities become more diverse with many members spanning diverse ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds, communication within formation will need to be adapted to young people, especially Generation Z. It seems that young people are drawn to the idea of community life; however, they often have difficulty with a concrete understanding of stability, obedience, and humility. Helping them to understand how the wisdom in the Rule of St. Benedict is lived out in such areas can be daunting considering the diversity of backgrounds present in today's monastic communities. Individualistic world views combined with an increasingly secular and materialistic society all contribute to a multi-faceted challenge that those assigned to formation regularly face with those in their charge. This conference will attempt to provide formators a resource for balancing integration of younger generations into community life while still honoring the individual differences that can enrich and enliven a monastic community.

## WHO IS "GEN Z?"

As our communities prepare to receive a new generation of vocations, we need to be prepared to communicate and understand the context of those born from 1997 to 2012, otherwise known as GenZ. Members of GenZ in North America have come of age in a particularly difficult time, being affected by the digital era, pandemic, and globalization in a manner unparalleled by their forerunners. Today, members of the GenZ generation range in age from 15 to 29. Formators must be able to understand their viewpoint and how to best incorporate them into a monastic community of diverse generations, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

## Workshop Presenters

**Dr. Crystal Taylor Dietz** is a licensed psychologist in Maryland and the District of Columbia specializing in assisting faith-based organizations identify opportunities and challenges in topics such as mental wellness, interculturality, identity, diversity and inclusion. Dr. Taylor-Dietz has done extensive research in the nuances of Generation Z. She will be assisting us in helping us identify strategies in forming Generation Z for consecrated life as well as how to prepare our monastic communities to reach out to individuals in this age group based on their unique values and life experiences.



**Fr. Samuel Hakeem, OP** is a Dominican priest based in the Chicago Province. In recent years, the Dominican Order has experienced the blessing of numerous GenZ vocations. However, these vocations have often come with formation challenges. Many of these challenges include helping each man to understand and adapt to the beauty of community life. Fr. Samuel entered the Dominican Order in 2010, ordained to the priesthood in 2017, and currently works in vocations for the Chicago Province. Fr. Samuel will be speaking on challenges that he has experienced with attracting and forming GenZ vocations.



**Mr. Anthony Coker** is an immigration attorney in the ILS Office of Catholic Charities OKC. As our communities become more diverse and the legal environment surrounding immigration more complicated, those involved in formation must be prepared to reach out for expertise if a man in formation needs immigration and naturalization assistance. Mr. Anthony Coker will be providing a briefing coordinated with CLINIC, an organization processing many religious worker visas, regarding issues of which the formator must be aware.



## REGISTRATION FORM

(Please complete both sides)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Monastery \_\_\_\_\_

Role in Monastery \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs (Please specify):

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Travel Information: \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Plane

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Flight: Airlines \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Flight: Airlines \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation to/from Will Rogers Airport (Oklahoma City)      Yes      No