

KOREA REGION

Cross-cultural Training Program in Korea

Introduction

The cross-cultural training program in Korea is open for young confreres in temporary vows (both Brothers and scholastics) who desire to experience the mission of the SVD in Korea. It is a two to three year program; the length depends on the confrere's progress in mastering the Korean language.

Those candidates for the Korean CTP should be open to the possibility of future ministry within Korea itself or among Korean communities overseas. Even if a CTP student does not engage in future ministry among Koreans in the future, the program is of great value as an initial experience in missionary religious life.

Young confreres who wish to join the Cross-cultural Training Program must meet the following requirements to join the Korean Region CTP:

- completed at least one full year in temporary vows
- completed all professional license or thesis work
- proficiency in English sufficient for all CTP formation community activities
- renew vows for three years before arrival in Korea (Handbook for Superiors, Appendix X 4, 3.7.2)

At the end of the Korean CTP, the young confrere may opt to continue his theological studies in Korea.

Objectives

- Proficiency in the Korean Language
- Adaptation to Korean culture and life
- Ability to perform apostolic ministry in Korea
- Deepen one's missionary religious vocation and commitment

Means

- Language Studies: regular attendance at Yonsei University's Korean Language Institute
- Cultural programs: joining lectures and activities of the Royal Asiatic Society
- Summer and winter pastoral exposure programs
- Evaluation of pastoral exposure programs with on site pastoral director, CTP Director and CTP community
- Spiritual exercises: daily prayer and meditation, regular spiritual reading, daily periods for silence and reflection, regular spiritual direction, daily participation in community Mass and prayers

- Ratio with CTP director once a month, quarterly recollections; annual retreat, self-evaluation and community evaluation
- Upon completion of language and cultural studies, participate in an in-depth supervised apostolic ministry for an extended period (up to twelve months) at the Region's Migrant Workers' Pastoral Center in Ansan, or the HIV/AIDS Shelter in Gwangju. Other possibilities for pastoral experience can also be considered. The extended period of supervised apostolic ministry will be evaluated quarterly by the on-site supervisor and CTP Director.