

**M.S.A**

**GENERAL DIRECTORY OF FORMATION**

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## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. This Directory serves as a guide for all those who have a particular responsibility in the field of formation in our Society. It was updated based on the new *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* of December 8, 2016. In addition to the participation of the members, for the elaboration of this Directory, several documents of the Church and of the Society were taken into account, among them: *Pastores Dabo Vobis*; *Directory on the Life and Ministry of Priests*; *Colombian Episcopal Conference, Letter sent to the Congregation for Catholic Education: the Introductory course, Propaedeutic Period*; *Council Document Gaudium et Spes and the Code of Canon Law*. Also the documents of the Society: *MSA Constitutions and Norms*; *Vade Mecum of the Province of Canada/Delegation of Africa*; *Provincial Directory of Formation (Canada)*, *Directory of Formation (Delegation of Africa)*, *Directory of Formation (Delegation of Peru )*, *M.S.A. Policies of July 2012*; *the General Treasury Directory and the General Directory of Vocational Promotion*.

Even though these guidelines and general principles are to be respected throughout the Society, this guide does not intend to give complete directives on the whole of formation. It leaves room for the realities and particular situations of each Province and/or Delegation<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>The preparation of a Directory on Formation is a requirement of our Church (see "Guidelines on Formation in Religious Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life", No. 4, see also CIC 659, 2 and 3.) as well as our Society (Norms, 63.1).