

Friday, May 27th, 2011 – closing session

Yes for the need for a statement on formation with respect given to the autonomy of the individual communities. Inclusion :

1. Principles and purpose of formation.,
2. Optimal content
3. Process (i.e. guidance not a program)
4. Tie into the lay Cistercian Identity document and Ratio
5. Emphasizes initial and ongoing formation.

How could it be used ?

- 1, Guideline for formators
2. With discernment of individual communities
3. Catalyst
4. Stimulate discussion
5. Resources with encouragement to use gifts within the group
6. With total confidence in the H:S.

Question nº 2 :

The most important aspects

We recognize the Holy Spirit is the formator and works through these 4 elements in the context of each autonomous community

1. Modeling and mutual accountability in living the charism
2. Fostering a relationship that includes immersion in a specific monastery and its lay community
3. Making use of authentic Cistercian resources and mentors
4. Recognizing the importance of discernment and of stages in formation