

FORMATORS' MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES DEEPENS FORMATION ACROSS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

The Association of Religious Formators of Kenya, through its Executive Leadership Team, has launched a transformative Monthly Webinar Series aimed at strengthening formation ministry within a synodal and contemporary context. This initiative is undertaken in collaboration with the Pan-African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network, with the support of Fr David Mbugua, Chair, PACTPAN, Kenya and Sr Jane Kimathi, Program Leader Tangaza University.

The webinar is held on the last Saturday of each month and is designed to equip formators and keep them abreast of the Church's teachings and best practices in formation ministry. The January 2026 session opened with a profound reflection on "Formation and Formators in a Synodal Church: A Bold Theological and Pastoral Rethink," featuring Cardinal Wilfred Fox Napier, OFM, Rev. Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, and Rev. Fr. David Mbugua (PACTPAN Kenya), who emphasized deeper ecclesial listening and discernment. The February webinar, held on 28 February 2026 at 7:30 PM Nairobi time, focused on "Handing Over in Religious Formation: Continuity, Institutional Memory, and Mission," facilitated by Mr. Mapopa Oscar Mphande, a veteran Catholic leader with over 40 years of experience in formation and leadership transitions, highlighting the importance of grace-filled continuity and safeguarding institutional charisms. In March, Rev. Fr. Marcel Uwineza, S.J., Principal of Hekima University College, led a rich session on "Accompanying Modern Formees: Best Practices in Formation," drawing from his extensive theological and leadership expertise to address the evolving challenges of forming candidates in today's complex world. The April webinar turned to "Psychosexual Integration in Formation Ministry," presented by Sr. Linah Siabana MSOLA, member of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, offering deep insights into human maturity and holistic integration in consecrated life. The ongoing series continues to serve as a vital platform for ongoing formation of formators, fostering intellectual depth, pastoral competence, and authentic synodal conversion in religious life.