



2023 NADI Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

The Novice and Director Institute (NADI) began in 1988 with the Federation of St. Gertrude. Originally a four-week institute, it was shortened to a three-week event. When the American Benedictine Formation Conference (now North American Benedictine Vocation Formation Conference) was formed in 1991, NADI came under the direction of ABFC/NABVFC and became a two-week institute. In 2013, NADI was decreased to a 10-day Institute. Participation, staff, and host sites are open to all federations and congregations of American Benedictines.

NADI serves Benedictine novices and their directors. It is strongly recommended that directors accompany their novices; however, if this is not possible, another formation team member is encouraged to attend. Sharing between a novice and her director is very helpful in integrating the NADI experience. Commitment to the group for the duration of the event is important.

GOALS of the PROGRAM

For novices, NADI is planned and structured to

- Provide experiences of the unity and diversity of Benedictine communities while living in the midst of the host community
- Explore some essential elements of the monastic life as found in the Rule of Benedict
- Listen with the "ear of the heart" to the Benedictine call to be transformed in Christ, facilitated by a deepening knowledge of self and some understanding of the experience of the transition into monastic life
- Receive peer support and feedback regarding their experience of monastic formation

For novice directors, NADI is planned and structured to

- Receive peer support as well as input regarding specific matters, concerns, or questions and share wisdom, programs, and resources
- Support the novice in her experience of the NADI program

DATES, DEADLINES, AND FEES

2023 NADI will be held at Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, Alabama from May 8 – 18, 2023.

Please return registration information by March 1, 2023. (Registration Form attached.)

The registration fee is DUE by April 1, 2023.

Please return the transportation form by April 15, 2023.

NADI 2023 Theme: Listening: Going Deeper in the Heart of Christ