

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORUM IN A CONTEMPORARY SEMINARY ENVIRONMENT

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BACKGROUND

Governance Questions
The PPF
Best Practices
Generational Tendencies and Internal/External Forum
Creating a seminary environment

GOVERNANCE QUESTIONS

What is required?
Sacramental Systems in the Seminary
Counseling Systems in the Seminary
Spiritual Direction in the Seminary
Formation Personnel in the Seminary
Responsibilities
To seminarians
To dioceses and religious communities
To the Universal Church

BEST PRACTICES

- Identification of Staff
- Unity of Staff Functioning
- Moving from internal to external
- Staff participation in formation
- Social interaction


THE GUARDIANS



Over 70
Culturally laden
Catholicism
Ideologically negative
Motivated by maintenance
React against change

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

- Commitment
- Tradition
- Heritage
- Obedience
- Conformity
- Strict distinction



THE POWER BASE

45-65
Power base in today's Church
Vatican II
Baby Boomers
Culturally negative
Ideologically positive
Suspicious of institutions
Motivated by change
React against stasis



INTERNAL/EXTERNAL



Justice
Balance
Open-Mindedness
Questioning
Currency
"Signs of the Times"
Odd distinction

THE NEW FAITHFUL



Under 45
Culturally positive
Ideologically positive
Motivated by meaning
Reaction against pure
abstractions

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

Orthodoxy
Radical
Commitment
Concreteness
Tradition
Answers
Definition



IMPLICATIONS FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

Formation in the Context
of Intergenerational
Relationships
Approaches to Internal/
External Relationships
Guardian - Solid
Power Base - Affect
New Faithful – Doctrine and
Affect



CHALLENGES

Building a culture of trust
The role of spiritual formation
staff
The role of counseling staff
The role of formation staff
Sacramental seal
MAINTAIN CLEAR
DISTINCTIONS