



Bringing Christ to life
within Deepening Participation
in the
Act of Consecration of Man

A Schooling Course for Religious Renewal
March June 2016

Each weekend runs from Friday 7.30pm to Sunday 3pm and will include:

- The Celebration of the Act of Consecration of Man on Saturday and Sunday with preparation beforehand.
- Contribution and discussion on the theme of the weekend.
- Work in small groups.
- Ongoing work with the Gospels.
- Suggestions for preparatory reading will be given on receipt of application.

The Schooling Course is carried by:

Michael Beaumont, Rev. Peter van Breda, Jean Flynn, Christine and Christopher Hudson, Rev. Monika Knight, Andy Lloyd, Rev. Tom Ravetz, Margaret Turner.

Application Information

The guideline price for the first weekend is £130-£180 with full board and all fees at Emerson College, or £65-£90 for course fees and meals only.

For the second weekend at Temple Lodge, the course fees and meals have a guideline price of £65-£90. We can offer a limited number of beds at Temple Lodge for £25 per night.

The guideline price is intended to make it possible to offer some help for those with less means. In order to do this, we ask you to pay more if you can.

A deposit of £20 is required with your application.

Please send in your application on the enclosed form by **Monday, 29th February, 2016.**

THE
Christian
Community

MOVEMENT
FOR RELIGIOUS
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Our present time is not lacking in revelation. The angels are active; they are descending from heaven; they produce dramatic pictures; they blow their trumpets; they draw away the veil which hides the Spirits behind the scene. Not revelation itself, but our sense for revelation is wanting. Emil Bock, The Apocalypse of St John

We celebrate the Act of Consecration of Man as part of the ongoing revelation of Christ. Making this real for ourselves is the central task of members of The Christian Community. The Act of Consecration itself creates the faculties which we need: to see the events that unfold at the altar as a living icon; to hear the divine Word within the words that are spoken; to experience the encounter with the spiritual world at the altar.

When the candles are lighted at the beginning of the service, the space in which the service is to unfold is created before our eyes. This is an echo of Whitsun, when the flame entered the Upper Room and divided before coming to rest. When the bell sounds, the space created by the light becomes a sounding space, purified by the single tone of the bell. These acts are not merely formal: they ask us to create a space within ourselves and become open for the words that will resound. In this space, an encounter with Christ can take place.

All of this is summed up in the words from our Creed that describe members of the Community as those 'who feel the Christ within themselves'.

Exchanging experiences and practising the kind of concentrated participation that the sacraments ask for can help us on our path. Members of The Christian Community are given a rich treasure: the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Gospels. We will work with these three elements, with presentations and discussion and also in small groups. There will be an artistic activity at each of the weekends.

We hope that this Schooling Course will deepen membership for those who have already become members, and open a pathway to membership for those who are interested. The weekends are designed to give participants something to carry on working with.

11th - 13th March
2016

Seeing

Emerson College
Forest Row

Seeing

The Living Icon

The Act of Consecration of Man unfolds before our gaze with a world of images and gestures. How can we truly notice what is happening, and follow it with our inner eye?

17th - 19th June
2016

Listening

Temple Lodge
London

Listening

The Healing Word

Every word of the Act of Consecration of Man is filled with meaning. Our challenge is to move beyond intellectual understanding to a real experience of what the words carry.