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Sapiens Program: *Ethics: Living the Examined Life*

Greetings from the brothers of Saint John!

The Sapiens Program is an **new formation opportunity** offered by the Brothers of Saint John that aims to lead people into a personal search for wisdom. It will address **practical, down-to-earth questions** such as, "Why is my life stuck? How can I grow as a person and flourish?" with insight from the greatest thinkers of the Western Tradition.

The participants will be led into a **personal search for the truth** within the philosophical tradition of the Catholic Church, in an inclusive and welcoming environment that utilizes different pedagogical methods and caters to different educational levels, learning styles, and backgrounds – including those without faith.

In London, people are busy and commuting distances often make events of this kind unmanageable. We have crafted the Sapiens Program as a response to this problem. It is structured in such a way as to allow us to **propose this formation in different contexts and venues**, to make the search for wisdom accessible to the largest number.

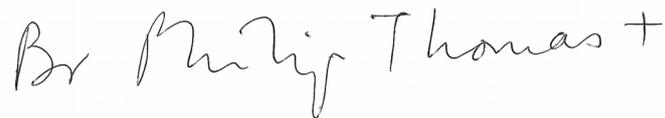
The course is **5 weeks long** with weekly meetings lasting 90 minutes. Each session is made up of a presentation of the theme from our brothers, a small group session of prepared questions, and food shared by those in attendance. There is some room for adapting this formula, according to the circumstances of each venue.

Starting in 2018 the Sapiens Program will be offering its first 5 week course entitled "Ethics: Living the Examined Life." **This course will be**

available for dates throughout the academic year 2018/2019. In the years to come we will develop other courses touching on a range of both philosophical and theological topics.

For the success of this program it will be necessary to establish a **proactive and dynamic cooperation** with the parish or other venue in the promotion and logistics of the event.

In hope of a fruitful collaboration,



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The Community of Saint John was founded in 1975 when seven students of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) asked Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, a Dominican philosopher and theologian, to become their spiritual father and be responsible for their formation. Today we have over 50 priories throughout the world numbering over 500 brothers. We have been present in East London (Brentwood diocese) since 2008.



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*Like the apostle John,
living together as friends of Christ
and witnessing to his light and his love.*