

JESUIT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- Assistancies : The territorial groups into which the Society is divided for administrative purposes. There are at present ten assistances.
- Father Minister : He is responsible for the material needs and the orderly management of a house.
- Fathers, Scholastics, Brothers : The three categories of Jesuit. Fathers are Priests; Scholastics are Students in the course of their training for the priesthood; Brothers are coadjutors or co-workers employed in works in which the priesthood is not required.
- Gadi : Vehicle
- Juniorate : The period of one or more years, devoted to academic and scientific studies, which in many Provinces follows the noviceship. During this period scholastics are called Juniors.
- Neophytes : A new convert to a religion
- Pradanis : Important officials
- Provinces, Vice-Provinces, Missions : The subdivisions of assistance. Vice-Provinces and Missions are territories not yet sufficiently developed in number of houses to constitute a Province.
- Regency : The period of training between the end of Philosophy and the beginning of Theology, which is normally spent as a master or perfect in college.
- Residence : a house for Jesuits engaged on some apostolic work.

- Scholasticate : It is a house for the young students of the Society, normally studying Philosophy or Theology.
- Station, Mission Station : A smaller establishment for one or two Jesuits, especially in Mission lands.
- Takid* : Letter
- Tertianship or Third Probation : A further period of religious and spiritual formation which precedes the taking of final vows. For Priests it lasts ten months; for Brothers three or four months. Those undergoing this probation are known as Tertians.

COMMON WORDS USED IN A PECULIAR SENSE WITH REFERENCE TO THE JESUITS

- Annual Letters : A compilation made every year from reports sent in by local Superiors and together forming a general account of the work of a Province.
- Assistancy : A grouping of Jesuit Provinces usually by national or geographical boundaries.
- Assistant : Adviser to the Jesuit General on the affairs of the Provinces making up Assistancy.
- Brother : A Jesuit not ordained, holding an administrative post or exercising a craft or peculiar skill, eg. Architect, infirmarian, military adviser.
- Consulor : One of four advisers of the Provincial who meet in conference once a month.
- Consultation : A meeting of the Provincial with his advisers.
- General : The head of the Society of Jesus elected for life by a General Congregation.

Novice	: A candidate for admission to the Order
Noviciate	: House where the novices are trained
Procurator	: A delegate chosen by the Provincial Congregation to conduct the affairs of the Province in Europe or to represent its interest at a General Congregation.
Province	: An administrative unit of the Jesuit Order determined normally by geographical or national factors.
Provincial	: Priest appointed to take charge of a Province for a period of three to six years.
Rector	: Priest in charge of a larger Jesuit establishment.
Scholastic	: A Jesuit student for the priesthood.
Visitation	: Inspection carried out by a Provincial or a Visitor
Visitor	: A priest appointed to visit a Province and report on its affairs, always with specified terms of reference and authority.

