

## St. Augustine institute - Summary of 2025 planned activities

Event	Content	Time	UGX
<b>Fieldwork for the Catholic Mental Health Ministry</b>	Sensitization of more people at diocesan levels, and opening pilot projects at province levels. The details are provided below. Contact persons at diocesan province level will work hand in hand with the team at St Augustine institute for implementation.	Gulu – January, 2025	
<b>Workshop with diocesan contacts</b>	This workshop comprises the Diocesan Pastoral Coordinators, the Chairpersons of Diocesan Priests Associations, and the Staff of St. Augustine’s Institute. Its purpose is to evaluate the ongoing formation programs of the previous year, to implement those planned for the current year, and to plan for the coming year.	6 – 8 January, 2025	45,000
<b>Training of Trainers of the PSY Team</b>	Two priests from each diocese (preferably the same priests who are responsible for the Propaedeutic Year, or priests from the vocations team) will attend a workshop to help them accompany students on the PSY in their dioceses.	24-28 Feb 2025	135,000
<b>Bishops retreat</b>	Organized by Uganda Catholic Secretariat	6 – 11 March	
<b>PSY workshop Tororo and Gulu Ecclesiastical Provinces</b>	Students on Pastoral-Spiritual year will meet for a week at St. Augustine’s Institute in three sessions. The first of the sessions will combine students of the Northern and of the Eastern Ecclesiastical provinces, since their numbers are relatively fewer. They will have an opportunity to exchange experiences, and to receive input to empower them in their ministry at this stage.	18 -22 March 2025	180,000
<b>PSY workshop – Kampala ecclesiastical province</b>	Education for Life workshop at St. Augustine Institute. Kampala, Lugazi, Kiyinda Mityana, Kasana Luweero and Masaka dioceses.	25-29 March 2025	180,000

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<b>PSY workshop Mbarara Ecclesiastical Provinces</b>	Education for Life workshop at St. Augustine Institute. Mbarara, Kasese, Kabale, Fort Portal and Kasese dioceses	1-5 April 2025	180,000
<b>Priests at @ 25 years – Anniversary</b>	Priests-classmates are invited to attend capacity building and refresher courses at 25 years in ministry.	22 – 30 April	225,000
<b>Psycho-spiritual training 1</b>	This will be the 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage of the training that aims at empowering the participants with fundamentals of psychology and basic concepts, tools and approaches to psycho-spiritual healing, growth, and transformation, as well as counselling techniques, in a peaceful and prayerful environment.	13 – 23 May, 2025	225,000
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<b>Fieldwork for the Catholic Mental Health Ministry</b>	Sensitization of more people at diocesan levels, and opening pilot projects at province levels. The details are provided below. Contact persons at diocesan province level will work hand in hand with the team at St Augustine institute for implementation.	Kampala – June	
<b>Bishop’s Plenary</b>	The Bishops’ Plenary sits twice a year, at the beginning of June and at the beginning of November.	1 – 8 June	
<b>Priests’ @ 5 years</b>	Priests-classmates are invited to attend capacity building and refresher courses at appropriate intervals in their ministry and anniversaries in priestly ministry.	10-21 June 2025	225,000

<b>Mental health ministry group 1</b>	This program will run in two phases. It will be run with the support of Deacon Shoena Ed. (Phoenix diocese – USA), and will further support the people identified and trained last year to initiate the Catholic Mental Health Ministry in the dioceses	10 – 20 July, 2025	105,000
<b>Mental health ministry group</b>		22 – 29 July, 2025	105,000
<b>Psycho-spiritual training 11</b>	This will be the 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage of the training that aims at empowering the participants with fundamentals of psychology and basic concepts, tools and approaches to psycho-spiritual healing, growth, and transformation, as well as counselling techniques, in a peaceful and prayerful environment.	04 – 17 Aug, 2025	225,000
<b>Comprehensive Renewal Program.</b>	There is a comprehensive reunion program. This ensures that at regular intervals, each priest is given a chance for rest, updating and personal renewal	1-28 September 2025	225,000
<b>30 Day Ignatian Retreat</b>	A program of thorough introspection and prayer for people at key moments of their life: before final commitments, discernment of a vocation, or simply searching for meaning and an improved relationship with self, with Jesus and with others. This session is also open to the religious.	01-10 Oct, 2025	465,000
<b>Bishop's Plenary</b>	The November Plenary focuses mainly on priestly formation and ongoing formation.	2 – 8 Nov	
<b>Priests @ 40 &amp; 50 Reunion</b>	At 40+ years of service, priests need to take stock their ministry and garner new energies to forge ahead.	17 – 28 Nov	225,000