



**LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM  
PASTORAL INSTITUTE ♦ DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The curriculum of the formation program includes the major areas of Catholic teaching and belief: Lay Ministry, Ecclesiology, Multiculturalism, Liturgy and Sacraments, Canon Law, Scripture, Moral Theology, Christology, and Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue. In addition, the program includes pastoral skills workshops, ministry seminars, days of reflection, a synthesis seminar, and theological reflection.

***First Semester***

Orientation	12 Hours
Theology of Lay Ministry	8 Hours
Ecclesiology	16 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	2 Hours
Day of Reflection	4 Hours

***Second Semester***

Creating Communion in a Culturally Diverse Faith Community	8 Hours
Liturgy and Sacraments	16 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	4 Hours
Day of Reflection	4 Hours

***Third Semester***

Old Testament	14 Hours
New Testament	14 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	2 Hours
Day of Reflection	4 Hours

***Fourth Semester***

Orientation to Ministry Preparation Process	2 Hours
Christology	14 Hours
Pastoral Skills	18 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	4 Hours
Day of Reflection	4 Hours

***Fifth Semester (20 to 25 hour Ministry Practicum begins)***

Ministry Seminar	10 Hours
Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue	6 Hours
Canon Law Issues for Parish Ministers	4 Hours
Pastoral Skills	6 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	2 Hours
Theological Reflection	2 Hours

***Sixth Semester (Ministry Practicum Continues)***

Moral Theology	14 Hours
Pastoral Skills	6 Hours
Elements of Spiritual Direction	4 Hours
Theological Reflection	2 Hours
Synthesis Seminar	4 Hours