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**PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Lay Leadership Training Classes to Start in September**

The Pastoral Institute is accepting applications for its three-year Lay Ministry Program. Interested persons must first be nominated by their pastor prior to receiving an application package from the Pastoral Institute.

The Lay Ministry Program is an integrated three-year program of theological education, spiritual formation, mentoring, supervised ministry practicum, and pastoral skills development that prepares volunteer lay pastoral leaders to coordinate a particular ministry in the parish. About 750 persons have completed the program.

Classes begin in September and are held in English and Spanish. The English language track will be held at Regina Pacis parish in Brooklyn and Our Lady of the Angelus parish in Rego Park. Classes in Spanish will take place at St. Rita’s school in Brooklyn and St. Teresa parish in Woodside.

The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2013.

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