



School of Evangelization

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Lay Ministry Program Overview

I. Initial Stage (Two Years) – All Participants

<p><u>First Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation and Theological Conference (12 hours) • Theology of Lay Ministry (8 hours) • Ecclesiology (16 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day <p>Online required courses: Creed (10 hours) and Revelation of God (10 hours)</p>	<p><u>Second Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Testament (14 hours) • New Testament (14 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)
<p><u>Third Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy and Sacraments (16 hours) • Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue (6 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours) <p>Online elective courses: Church History (5 hours) and Catholic Social Teachings (5 hours)</p>	<p><u>Fourth Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christology (14 hours) • Moral Theology (14 hours) • Information Session for Second Stage (3 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours) <p>Online elective courses: Church History (5 hours) and Catholic Social Teachings (5 hours)</p>

At the end of the Initial Stage, participants will make one of the following elections:

1. End participation and receive a certificate of completion for the courses that were taken.
2. Continue to Second Stage in one of the four tracks.

II. Second Stage

1. *Volunteer Lay Pastoral Leader Track (includes bereavement, pastoral care of the sick and homebound, consolation, social justice, liturgical ministry, etc.) – Conducted by Pastoral Institute – Timeframe: One Year*

<p><u>Fifth Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Practicum Begins • Ministry Seminar (6-10 hours) • Pastoral Skills Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leadership as Service (6 hours) ○ Creating Prayer and Ritual (6 hours) ○ Creating Communion in a Culturally Diverse Faith Community (6 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours) 	<p><u>Sixth Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Practicum Concludes • Canon Law Issues for Parish Ministers Seminar (4 hours) • Pastoral Skills Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication Skills (6 hours) ○ Self-Care of the Pastoral Minister (6 hours) ○ Organizational Leadership (6 hours) • Spiritual Formation Day (6 hours)
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2. *Catechetical Leader Track (includes Parish Catechetical Leader, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, Family Life/Respect Life, Special Needs) – Coordinated by Office of Faith Formation*

Diocesan Program (LLF Catechetical Leader Professional Development) OR M.A. in Theology OR M.A. in Religious Education OR M.A. in Religious Education: Youth and Young Adult Ministry

3. *Other Tracks of Study – Coordinated by Pastoral Institute*

There may be other possibilities for study depending on need

Examples might include: Pastoral Associates, Parish Assistance

III. Ongoing Formation

10 hours of on-going formation each year:

- Living and Leading by Faith Ongoing and Enrichment
- Catholic Distance University, USCCB Leadership Institute-Forming Leaders for the Church, Notre Dame's Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP)
- M.A. Scholarship Program in Theology
- Others to suit particular needs