



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. *Pastoral Associate Track – Coordinated by Pastoral Institute*

M.A. in Theology OR M.A. in Pastoral Studies OR M.A. in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Care OR M.A. in Hispanic Theology and Ministry

PLUS

Pastoral Skills Workshops and Spiritual Formation Days (see above)

4. *Parish Management Track – Conducted by the Office of the Episcopal Vicars and Coordinated by Pastoral Institute Timeframe: One Year*

Diocesan Parish Management Program OR Villanova Church Management Certificate OR Villanova M.S. in Church Management

PLUS

Pastoral Skills Workshops and Spiritual Formation Days (see above)

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