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Ministry Formation

Applications are processed throughout the year with acceptance to the program in late spring for the coming year. Potential applicants should schedule a time to meet with either the director or a member of the MFP Advisory Board to learn about discerning for the program.

For further information, visit us at
www.dosaformation.org

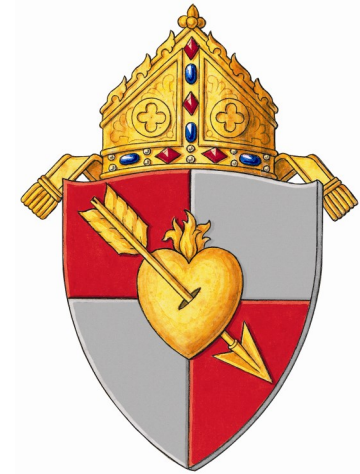
or contact the Ministry Formation office at

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The Ministry Formation Program complies with the Diocese of Saint Augustine's equal opportunity/non-discrimination policy. The program recruits, promotes, and retains participants based on ability and valid qualifications, without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. Further, we are in full accord with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. All class locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

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MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

The program is for anyone who is seeking to be a recognized leader within the diocese, on a parish level, diocesan level, or within our Catholic Schools.

Applicants are those seeking to develop:

- *their leadership skills for ministry*
- *gain knowledge of the tenets of the Catholic Faith*
- *enrich their own personal spirituality.*

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The Ministry Formation Program...

provides a three-year comprehensive program of study. The first two years focus on academic subjects: Scripture, Catholic Traditions, Catholic Beliefs, Morality, Sacraments, and Liturgy. The third year combines the process of Theological Reflection and the planning and execution of a Supervised Practicum.

Theological Reflection...

provides opportunities for theological and spiritual development and to relate their own gifts and experiences to the needs of their parish, school or diocese.

Supervised Practicum...

is a hands-on learning experience that takes place in a parish, school or diocesan setting to integrate the participant's knowledge and skills with actual ministerial situations.

Specialized Skills Workshops...

aid ministerial competence. Offered in Years I & II are Pastoral Leadership, Human Development, Multi-Cultural Diversity, Legal Ethics/Church Law, Liturgical Skills, Spirituality/Personal Prayer/Leading Prayer and Communications.

Emmaus Companion...

(EC) component provides the participant with ongoing support, reflection and feedback on his or her spiritual journey. Specifically, the EC provides a safe environment in which the participant can recognize how course material can be integrated into life experience and spirituality.

Mission Statement...

To reflect the mission of the Diocese of St. Augustine, the Ministry Formation Program prepares the participants through academic, human, spiritual, personal, and pastoral formation for lay ecclesial leadership and service in diocesan parishes and institutions.

...and Purpose

- To provide systematic opportunities for the faithful to learn about their baptismal call to ministry.
- To network with and assist the clergy and diocesan ministry directors with developing roles for the faithful.
- To integrate opportunities for spiritual formation throughout the program.
- To develop and implement a systematic program of academic, human, spiritual, and pastoral formation.
- To provide for ongoing education and spiritual formation for those who have completed the program through the annual retreat. A retreat is held during Lent of each year. The two-day retreat offers participants a time to renew spiritually as they reflect on themes presented by experienced retreat directors.

Upon successful completion of the program, the participant receives a certificate of completion at a ceremony with the Bishop.

Classes are held on Saturdays throughout the months of August to May at Marywood Retreat Center in St. Johns, near Jacksonville.

"I give thanks for so many lay leaders who make our parishes alive and our society more just and peaceful. We owe them an opportunity to grow in competence and knowledge in their service. As St. Paul said, we are to 'equip the holy ones for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.'" (Eph 4:7)

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The Ministry Formation Program is accredited by The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation. The program was granted Reaffirmation of Accreditation January 2010 through December 2017