

V. COMMISSIONING/MISSIONING

A ritual celebrated during Mass whereby the Bishop endorses and sends forth lay ministers to serve in the name of the Church.

VI. ADMISSIONS

Criteria for Applying:

- Be a person of Faith
- Recommendation of pastor
- Have an understanding that lay ministry is a deliberate response to one's baptismal call to service by the manner in which we live.

Admissions Procedures:

1. Consultation with pastor
2. Meet with program coordinator
3. Obtain application materials
4. Complete admissions requirements:
 - Autobiography
 - Sacramental documents
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Psychological interview
 - Home interview



To apply, contact:

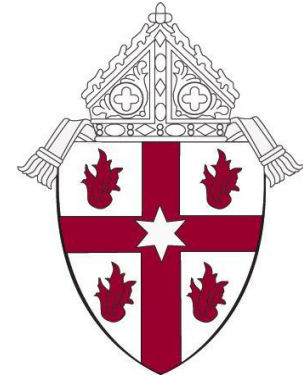
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**Application Deadline Annually:
May 15**

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Lay Ministry Formation Program



**Theological, Spiritual, and
Pastoral Formation**

Preparing Adults for Ministry

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I. THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

*Monthly Seminars: September – May
(Friday evening and all day Saturday)*

FIRST YEAR	CONTACT HOURS
<u>Introduction to Christian Ministry</u> Examine biblical roots and historical development of the ministry of Jesus and the Church.	10
<u>Introduction to Old Testament</u> Explores the meaning of Divine Revelation, Tradition, inspiration, and inerrancy. Also surveys types of literature historically and from the perspective of faith.	20
<u>Introduction to New Testament</u> Explores the types of literature while studying questions of authorship, style, and themes.	10
<u>Communications</u> The art of communicating with groups and with individuals is presented and practiced.	10
<u>Introduction to Christian Morality</u> Fundamental concepts and dynamics of the Christian moral life are presented. Topics include basis of moral life, conscience, the human person, and more.	20
<u>Faith and Reasons</u> Explores the Catholic faith – what we believe and why we believe it.	10
<u>Christian Spirituality</u> Explores the history of Christian spirituality and brings us to a greater awareness of how God is at work in our lives	10

SECOND YEAR CONTACT HOURS

<u>Sacraments/Liturgy</u> An overview of the nature and importance of Liturgy and a study of RCIA, Mass, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick.	30
<u>Christology</u> Presents Jesus, true God and true man, as revealed through Scripture, Tradition, and the Faith of the Church.	10
<u>Ministry and Theological Reflections</u> Learning a model of ministry reflection, which emphasizes mutuality and promotes the practice of group theological reflection.	10
<u>Church History</u> Explores our Christian Faith from its beginnings within the Roman Empire to current times. A look into developments and crucial turning points from the time of the apostles to Vatican II.	10
<u>Ecclesiology</u> Studies the nature and mystery of Church in a way that enables the lay minister to discover their own responsibilities and roles.	10
<u>Mission of the Laity in the World</u> Seeks to move the focus of ministry to the everyday life and work of the lay minister.	10
<u>Ministry to Choiceless Events</u> Explores how people deal with significant losses and different coping mechanisms for grieving.	10

II. SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“Spirituality . . . to ‘open up’ to the Spirit . . . to provide a space for the creator God to enter.” W. Rademacher

The traditional practices of Christian life and faith are emphasized.

- Prayer:** Candidates gather in chapel for Night and Morning Prayer.
- Retreat:** Candidates are expected to make an annual retreat.
- Spiritual Direction:** Spiritual direction is required.

III. PASTORAL FORMATION

- For Church Ministry:**
Parish ministry enhanced by pastoral supervision and formal ministry reflection.
- For Christian in the World:**
Focused on the mission of the laity in the world and formal ministry reflection.

Upon completion of the first and second year a Commitment Liturgy takes place.

IV. CONTINUING FORMATION

Third Year	Contact Hours
Formation Evening I and Elective	10
Formation Evening II and Elective	10
Continuing Education Elective	8
Fourth Year	
Formation Evening I and Elective	10
Formation Evening II and Elective	10
Continuing Education Elective	8