
Program Cost

The program cost is \$1,350 per year, which includes tuition and formation expenses. Students are responsible for the cost of course textbooks. Monthly payment plans are available. Year III students will complete three online ministerial courses, which are approximately \$105 each.

Students may choose to pay the full amount (\$1,350) independently or negotiate with their parish or sponsoring agency to share the program cost.

Plus there is a technology fee of \$75 per year.

Application Process

If you are a baptized and confirmed adult Catholic, all you need is a desire to grow in knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

Applications are accepted through **August 1st**. Early applications are encouraged. Once an application, application fee, recommendation form, and your original Baptism Certificate (with notations) are received, you will be contacted for a personal interview. Any late applications will be considered based on availability.

You can find more information about the program and the application process by visiting our website, www.usml.edu/ippl/cc. You can also download and print the application and recommendation forms from the website. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee.

**For more information or
to request an
Application Packet,
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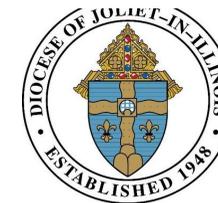
Catechetical Coordinator Program

A Lay Ministry Formation Program

**Coordinator of
Religious Education**

2020-2021

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Is This Program for Me?

The Catechetical Coordinator Program is a three-year program designed to form the laity of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet for ministry within the Catholic Tradition. The program serves several constituencies, including adults involved in leadership positions in the parish as Coordinators of Religious Education. The fundamental goal of the Catechetical Coordinator program is to form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, and to prepare lay ministers to help their pastors in the mission to bring Jesus Christ to all. With the successful completion of the program, students will receive Coordinator Certification and receive a Certificate of Studies from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

Opportunities for Participants:

- ◆ Growth in their faith and spirituality
- ◆ Growth as human persons in the Divine Image
- ◆ Engagement in deep, systematic study of Catholic doctrine, Scripture and sacraments
- ◆ Classes taught by top scholars and Archdiocesan leaders, including faculty from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake and Benedictine University
- ◆ Development of confidence and practical skills for active participation in the life of the Church
- ◆ Participation in a cohort, learning in a supportive community, and building valuable relationships with other Catholics who are passionate about their faith

Program Components

Academic Courses

- ◆ Introduction to Divine Revelation
- ◆ Introduction to Catholic Doctrine
- ◆ Introduction to Christian Anthropology
- ◆ Introduction to Church History
- ◆ Introduction to Sacraments, Liturgy and Worship
- ◆ Christology
- ◆ Morality and Catholic Social Teaching
- ◆ Theology of the Holy Spirit; Pneumatology for Our Times
- ◆ Ecclesiology

Ministerial Courses and Workshops

- ◆ Faith and Human Development (Online course)
- ◆ The Intercultural Church (Online course)
- ◆ Introduction to Catechesis (Online course)
- ◆ Catechetical Methodology I Workshop
- ◆ Catechetical Methodology II Workshop
- ◆ Catechist Formation and RE Curriculum Workshop

Formation Days & Retreats

Year I

- ◆ Opening Retreat (usually held every August)
- ◆ 8 Formation Days (topics vary each year, typically one Saturday a month)
- ◆ Summer Book Discussion/Introduction to Catechetical Coordinator Program

Year II

- ◆ 8 Formation Days (topics vary each year, typically one Saturday a month)
- ◆ Closing Retreat (usual held every April)

Year III

- ◆ 2 Formation Days (typically on a Saturday)
- ◆ Closing Retreat, Year III (usually held every April)

Academics

Adult learning style classes consist of lecture, small and large group discussions as well as written integration assignments. While this is a non-graded program, students are evaluated at the end of each course as to their successful completion and comprehension of the content, both academically as well as personally and pastorally.

Classes meet weekly on Monday evenings throughout the academic year. The sites include:

- University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein
- Saint Xavier University, Chicago
- Benedictine University, Lisle
- Lewis University, Romeoville—Wednesday evenings

Formation

Year I students begin the year with an Opening Retreat weekend in August, Year II & III have Closing Retreats in April. In addition to the annual retreat, participants come together for prayer, input, and reflection, usually one Saturday a month. We begin our monthly Formation Days with Mass at 8:30 am and the day concludes by 3:30 pm.

The formation process engages the students in the four dimensions of ministry formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. It also includes 300 hours of supervised ministerial practicum, typically a 6 hour a week commitment.

