

**Course Descriptions for the Doctor of Ministry Degree
from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
2021-2023**

Term	Dates	Topic/Course title & description
	April 1, 2021	Reading list & syllabus distribution for June/July courses
Summer 2021	June 28- July 2 Residential	DM840 Self-Leadership; transformative ministerial integration (3 credits) This course is focused on helping the minister to acquire a deeper level of self-understanding. By focusing on how Christian leaders are first disciples of Christ, this course will help students learn additional skill for using their own spiritual and human realities to strengthen and energize their pastoral leadership. Focuses on self-understanding of the minister.
Summer 2021	July 5-9 Residential	DM841 Ethics in Leadership (3 credits) This course focuses on the ethical challenges faced by today's pastoral leaders in parishes, administration and health care ministry. Students will learn to apply ethical principles to their pastoral environment based in course readings, lectures and discussions.
	August	Self-leadership paper due
	September	Ethics paper due
Fall 2021	Sept-Dec Online	DM842 Christian Leadership in the Tradition This course will help students better understand how their ministry fits into the longer tradition of Christian leadership. Different models of Christian leadership will be discussed, so that students can harness the richness and diversity of the full Christian Tradition to improve their own ministry. This course will help students learn how to draw practical lessons and inspiration from the History of the Church.
	October	Reading list distribution for January Course
	December	Christian Leadership paper due
Spring 2022	Jan. 11-14 Residential	DM843 Christian Leadership and the Human Sciences (3 credits) Part of a dynamic ministry environment is a competent leader who builds teamwork, encourages others in leadership, can process challenging situations and offer support. This course will engage helpful skills from the social and human sciences that assist pastoral leaders in building effective and productive teams.
Spring 2022	March 1	Paper due for Human Sciences
Spring 2022	Jan-April Online	DM844 Thesis Research, Writing and Methodologies (3 credits) This course will explain the Thesis project process for the Doctor of Ministry Degree. Among the topics covered are identifying a thesis topic, effective research skills, constructing a doctoral thesis project and proposal writing.
	March 1st	Reading list distributed
	June	First Draft of Thesis Proposal Due
Spring 2022	End of June Residential	DM845 Christian Leadership and Scripture (3 credits) A key evangelization tool is preaching in liturgical and non-liturgical settings. This course will look to the Prophets as well as the apostolic preaching of the New Testament as models for growth and preaching for the new apostolic age.
Spring 2022	Beginning of July Residential	DM846 Leadership from the Vision of Aparecida (3 credits) The Catholic Church today is a dynamic and growing religious community. Much of this growth is occurring in the global south. Its creative insights are not well known in the English-speaking world. The Aparecida document captures this vision for growth, focused on Mission and Evangelization. This course will address the vocation of the baptized to become missionary disciples of Jesus and how pastoral leaders can engage them in a process of formation for missionary discipleship.
	August 1	Scripture paper due
	Sept. 1	Aparecida paper due

Fall 2022	Sept-Dec online	DM847 Ecclesial Leadership (3 credits) This course will provide students with the best insights of how to be leader in today's church, particularly in the context of a parish ministry.
	Oct 1	Reading list distributed for Spring course
	Dec.	Ecclesial Leadership paper due
Spring 2023	Early January	DM848 Leadership in an American Religious Context (3 credits) This course will provide students with a snap shot of the current American religious landscape. Topics include the history of American religious culture, Ecumenical and Inter-faith relationships, developing pastoral realities, the American religious ethos in the 21st century.
	Jan. 2 nd week	Interview with Project Director and/or Director about Thesis project during final on-site visit.
	March 1	Paper for American Religious culture due
Spring 2027	April 1 deadline	DM849 Doctoral Thesis Project (3 credits)