
Program Cost

The program cost is \$1,400 per year, which includes tuition, retreat, and formation expenses. Students are responsible for the cost of course textbooks. Monthly payment plans are available.

Students may choose to pay the full amount (\$1,400) 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 a photocopy of your Baptism Certificate 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/ip1/layleadership/. 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,
contact Michelle Shaffer:**

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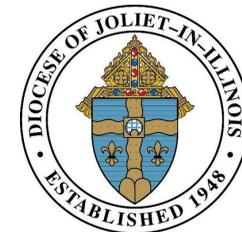


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Lay Leadership Program

A Lay Ministry Formation Program
2020-2021

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Is This Program for Me?

The Lay Leadership Program is a two-year program designed to form the laity of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet for ministry within the Catholic Tradition. The fundamental goal of the Lay Leadership 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. The program serves several constituencies, including adults involved in volunteer ministries at the parish level and those who seek quality Catholic enrichment. Additionally, the program fulfills part of novitiate formation for several religious orders. With the successful completion of the program, students 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 with 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—Year I
- ◆ Introduction to Catholic Doctrine—Year I
- ◆ Introduction to Christian Anthropology—Year I
- ◆ Introduction to Church History—Year II
- ◆ Introduction to Sacraments and Liturgy—Year II
- ◆ Catholic Morality and Catholic Social Teaching—Year II



Formation Days & Retreats

- ◆ Opening Retreat—Year I
- ◆ Introduction to the Dimensions of Formation
- ◆ Human Formation
- ◆ Spiritual Formation
- ◆ Intellectual Formation
- ◆ Pastoral Communication Skills for Ministry
- ◆ Pastoral Formation
- ◆ Catholic Identity
- ◆ Closing Retreat, Year II

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
- Remotely via Teams

Formation

Year I students begin the year with an Opening Retreat weekend in August, Year II ends with a Closing Retreat in April. In addition to the 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 concludes by 3:30 pm.

The formation process engages the students in the four dimensions of ministry formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.

