

Academic Schedule 2011-2012

2011
Saturday, August 13 th
Friday, Aug. 19 – Sunday, Aug. 21
Friday, Sept. 09 – Sunday, Sept. 11
Friday, Oct. 07 – Sunday, Oct. 09
Friday, Nov. 04 – Sunday, Nov. 06
Friday, Dec. 09 – Saturday, Dec. 10
2012
Friday, Jan. 13 – Sunday, Jan. 15
Friday, Feb. 03 – Sunday, Feb. 05
Friday, Mar. 09 – Sunday, Mar. 11
Friday, Apr. 13 – Sunday, Apr. 15
Friday, May 04 – Saturday, May 05
Commissioning Mass Saturday, June 02, 2012

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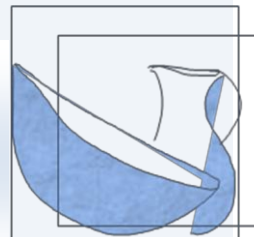
Mission and Purpose

The Bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States have recognized that, with the emergence of more and more lay ministries, there is a corresponding need to formally train and commission lay ecclesial ministers for service in the church. The Diocese of Orlando's Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program responds to this pastoral need by providing an integrated program of formation for public lay ecclesial ministry in the church.

In Baptism we are all anointed into the ministry of Jesus Christ as priest, prophet, and king. Participants in the Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program are responding to their baptismal call in a particular way. The laity's participation in the priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry is generally ordered toward bearing witness to the Word of God and the Kingdom of God in the world; lay ecclesial ministry is directed toward service *within the Church*. This is a relatively new understanding which has emerged through the contemporary experience of ecclesial life.

Faithful to the Bishops' document on lay ecclesial ministers, *Co-workers in the Vineyard*, the Diocese of Orlando's three-year Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program focuses on human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation. The curriculum is designed to assist growth in all four areas. The presumption of the program is that, in the area of human formation, participants have already matured as adults and are emotionally and psychologically balanced. This is the ground upon which the spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation is built.

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Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program



*...in all that we do we strive to
 present ourselves as ministers of
 God...*

-2 Corinthians 6:4

Getting Started

THE COMMISSIONED LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY PROGRAM is open to ministers who are actively involved in ministry and are preparing for a leadership role within their local parish.

If you feel called to ministry as a Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Minister you must meet the following requirements:

- Active in ministry, with your Pastor's written recommendation and support to become a commissioned lay ecclesial minister
- Minimum high school degree or equivalency
- Over the age of 21 in relatively good health
- Catholic in good standing
- Have the support of your family

Contact the Program Coordinator to review the requirements, answer your questions and assist you in beginning the discernment process.

Application and Ministry Endorsement

The next step in the process is to meet with your Pastor for his endorsement of your application; discern with him the area of ministry for which you will prepare for leadership; obtain a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor which will also include verification of fingerprinting; and, finally, complete the application for the program (available on San Pedro Center's website). You will also need to provide copies of your Sacramental Certificates as well as copies of your Academic Transcripts.

Enrollment in the Program

The completed application, letter of recommendation from your Pastor, three references and a short narrative speaking to your desire to enroll in the Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program should then be sent to the Program Coordinator. Once this information is received, the Coordinator will arrange an interview with the Co-Directors of the Program to get to know you, review the program with you and explore your sense of call to ministerial leadership.

With approval of your application, interview process and Myers Briggs testing, you will then attend the Orientation Day scheduled in the fall.



The **COMMISSIONED LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY PROGRAM** meets one weekend a month, from August to May, at San Pedro Center in Winter Park. Participants are provided a room and meals for the weekend. The weekend begins on Friday from (7:15pm to 9:30 pm); Saturday (7:30am – 9:00 pm); and Sunday (8:00 am to 12:30pm). Each weekend includes coursework, group theological reflection, morning and evening shared prayer and Sunday Eucharist.

There are assigned readings as preparation for the course topic and a written assignment after each session to reflect and integrate what you have learned during the weekend as well as how it applies in your present ministry at your local parish. Each year, there is an annual retreat for the group which is held in January.

Tuition and Fees of the Program

The costs for the program include:

- \$2000 per year tuition (includes room and meals)
- Textbooks fees about \$100-\$200 per year

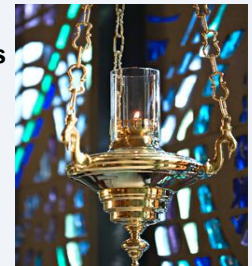
Applications must be received by May 15 to begin classes in the fall term. The application fee of \$65 is nonrefundable and is applied towards orientation day. Participants are encouraged to seek financial support from their local parish.

YEAR 1

The Minister (Person, Relationships, Collaboration)
Introduction to Theology
Theology of Ministry
Foundations in Liturgy
Introduction to Scripture
Introduction to Theology of Church & Parish Structure
Introduction to Sacraments
Presentation and Group Facilitating Skills

Year 2

Church History
Scripture: The Synoptic Gospels
Christology
The Liturgical Year
Ecclesiology
Canon Law & Parish Life
Parish Leadership
Scripture: The Prophets



Year 3

Scripture: Letters of St. Paul
Initiation: Aspects of Sacramental Theology
Eucharist: Aspects of Sacramental Theology
Principles of Moral Theology: Character, Choices & Communities
Applying Principles of Moral Theology with "Morality & Spirituality"
Social Justice Teaching of the Church
Pastoral Crisis Counseling for Non-Professionals & Conflict Resolution
Scripture: Gospel of John

A competent minister possesses necessary qualities and skills to be effective in ministry.