

Formation For Ministry



- Do you want to be more involved in parish life?
- Are you being called to use your unique gifts and talents to serve a specific need in your parish?
- Have you considered the Formation For Ministry Program for Lay Ministry?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg encourages all parishioners who are interested in learning more about their faith and helping in their parish to send in the inquiry form and apply.

Interested? Consult with your pastor and complete the inquiry form in this brochure.

For more information, call 315-393-2920 or visit our

website at:

www.dioogdensburg.org/formation

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Inquiry Brochure

*Are You Being Called
To Lay Ministry?*



*“I have called You by name
...You Are Mine”*
Isaiah 43

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Ogdensburg

*“Your Bishop’s Fund
At Work For You”*

For An Application Form, Please Complete the Information Below and Send To:

Formation For Ministry, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
Fax: 1-866-314-7296 E-mail: ffm@diogdensburg.org

YES! I would like to apply for the Formation For Ministry Program!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ e-mail: _____

Parish: _____ City: _____ Pastor: _____

The Program

➤ COURSES:

For a two year period, candidates throughout the diocese attend weekly classes in the following courses:

- * Church
- * Scripture
- * Christology
- * Spirituality
- * Communications
- * Sacraments
- * Moral Theology
- * Social Justice

➤ WORKSHOPS:

Workshops help develop your ministerial skills in the area of your designated ministry. During Year 1 the Vision for Ministry Workshop and the Evangelization Workshop are held. During Year 2 there are four Saturday workshops designed to train candidates for work in the following areas:

- * Worship
- * Sick/Elderly
- * Family/Outreach
- * Catechist
- * Youth
- * RCIA
- * Adult Faith Facilitator
- * Catechetical Leader

➤ FIELD EXPERIENCE:

Supervised ministerial experience becomes a learning model and evaluation tool used in assessing ministerial potential.

➤ RETREATS:

Each annual weekend retreat for the candidates provides the opportunity to meet with the other candidates from the diocese. This is a time for prayer and reflection on your response to God's call to holiness and to the fullness of Christian Life.

➤ COMMISSIONING:

After all the requirements have been met, *Blessing and Commissioning of Pastoral Ministers* is held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. The Bishop will present each candidate with a certificate and the sponsoring pastor/supervisor will present them with their lay ministry pin.

- **Formation For Ministry is sponsored by the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the instruction, training, and commissioning of lay ministers for service within their parishes.**
- **With the encouragement of the Bishop, support of Formation For Ministry comes from the Bishop's Fund and parishes, enabling the program to continue and expand throughout the diocese since 1990.**