

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?

Formation For 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. The forms are in the information packets sent to the parish office and on this brochure.

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

Formation For Ministry

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@dioogdensburg.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

1. COURSES:

For a two year period, candidates throughout the diocese attend weekly classes. Each course is once a week for 8 weeks.

First Year:

- * Old Testament
- * New Testament
- * Church
- * Spirituality

Second Year:

- * Christology
- * Sacraments
- * Moral Theology
- * Social Justice

2. WORKSHOPS:

Workshops help develop your ministerial skills in the area of your designated ministry. There are two Saturday workshops during the first year - a Vision for Ministry Workshop and an Evangelization Workshop. During Year 2 candidates attend four Saturday workshops in their designated ministry:

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| * Worship | * Youth |
| * Sick/Elderly | * Scouting |
| * Family/Outreach | * Adult Faith Facilitator |
| * Catechist | * Coordinator of Religious Education |
| * RCIA | |

3. FIELD EXPERIENCE:

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

4. RETREAT:

The 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 their response to God's call to holiness and to the fullness of Christian Life.

COMMISSIONING:

After all the requirements have been met, A *Eucharistic Liturgy for the 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 ministry within their parishes.

Through 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.