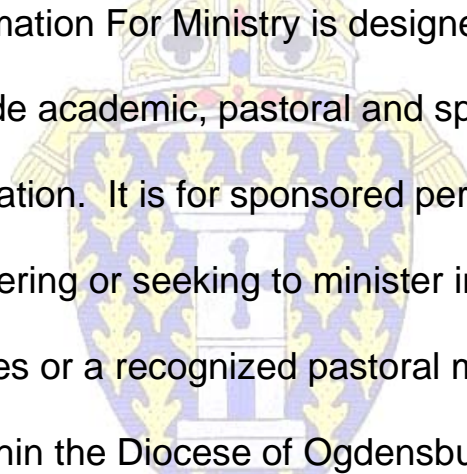


MISSION STATEMENT



Formation For Ministry is designed to provide academic, pastoral and spiritual formation. It is for sponsored persons ministering or seeking to minister in local parishes or a recognized pastoral ministry within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Workshop Requirements

1st Year- ALL candidates will participate in two workshops:

1. Vision of Ministry
2. Evangelization

2nd Year- ALL candidates will participate in four (4) workshops in their specialized ministry

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Required Courses:

Old Testament	Christology
New Testament	Sacraments
Church	Moral Theology
Spirituality	Social Justice

- Courses are scheduled on a semester basis at regional locations.
- Courses are held in 8 week segments once a week for 2 ½ hours.

Course Descriptions

Old Testament

This course is an introduction to biblical studies and the composition of the Old Testament. Emphasis will be on the tools of biblical studies and their application to the books of the Old Testament. Major themes of the Old Testament will receive special attention.

New Testament

This course is an introductory study of the composition, literature and theology of the New Testament; its origin in early Christian communities and literary forms. Participants will be introduced to methods of New Testament criticism fostering a textual study which will nourish the life of faith in the light of the Second Vatican Council's "Dei Verbum." Special emphasis will be given to the Gospels and selected Pauline literature where redaction of the Word to historical situations in the first century will be correlated with challenges of Christian living today in personal and communal contexts.

The Church

This course presents an understanding of the Church as found in Vatican II's "Dogmatic and Pastoral Constitution on the Church." It includes current theological models of how the Church sees itself and how such views supports and challenges the Pastoral Minister today.

Spirituality

The course will explore the meaning of true Christian ministerial spirituality and some of the ways it has been viewed and lived in Christian history. It will consider the vocation of the lay minister, prayer, sacramentality and the integration of prayer and action as well as the centrality of spirituality in family, work and community. Suggestions for supports, techniques and approaches will be made and all of this will be applied, through theological reflection in each session, to the present and future life experience of the lay pastoral minister.

Christology

The purpose of this course is to investigate the person of Jesus the Christ. We do this by asking who he is in sacred scripture and Christian tradition, who he is in the celebration of the Church's sacramental life, and how his teachings affect our moral lives and commitments. The approach is both historical and theological with special attention to the unity of the so-called "Jesus of history" and the "Christ of faith."

Sacraments

This course is designed to assist you in a better understanding of Catholic worship as expressed in the Church's liturgical rites, particularly the celebration of the sacraments. After a brief introduction to the ideas of

worship and liturgy in general, an overall theology of the sacraments as the focus of the Christian's faith life within the Church will be offered. An outline of the historical and theological developments of each of the seven sacraments will be presented as a background to understanding the sacramental rites as reformed by Vatican Council II, especially the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The impact of this understanding for programs of sacramental preparation and the celebration of the sacraments in today's parish will be a central concern.

Moral Theology

This is an introductory study of the principles and themes found in a Catholic understanding of moral living. Personal as well as systemic issues in morality will be discussed.

Social Justice

This course will examine the commitment of Christianity to enable spirituality to be operative in the framework of social action necessary in our day. Participants will reflect upon the biblical understanding of the relationship between Christian love and the meaning of justice, between eschatological hope and human liberation. The Church's call to Social Justice will be studied through a brief survey of Catholic Social Teaching since Pope Leo XIII, focusing on issues of equality and human rights, economic justice, pacifism and just war theory. Finally, reflection on the roles of the Church, Church ministers, and individuals today will be expressed through integrating papers on: conversion and transformation of consciousness, specific issues relative to contemporary experience today.

Adult Faith Facilitator Ministry

Presenters: Michael Wagner and invited guests

The four workshops assist the participant in learning how to plan, conduct publicity and offers a parish-based adult faith formation session. The participant is expected to actually plan and offer a program in his/her parish as they learn the specific skills necessary to do so. Ongoing support and assistance will be provided.

Workshop 1

Introduction to Adult Education

Adult Faith Development
Adult Religious Education
Motivating adults to learn

Workshop 2

Choosing a Program

Needs assessment
Approaches of Adult

Workshop 3

Offering a Program

Publicity
Recruiting volunteers
Learning environment
Evaluation techniques

Workshop 4

Now that We've Begun

Sharing stories
Motivating adults
Program planning

"Each parish will designate an adult faith formation leader – authorized by the pastor and personally involved in ongoing formation – to assume primary responsibility for implementing the ministry of adult faith formation." *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, p. 46

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Presenter: Heidi Macko and invited guests

Workshop 1

Evangelization & Precatechumenate

Overview of RCIA process

Impact on the parish

Rite of Welcome

Workshop 2

Period of the Catechumenate

Nurturing the Catechumen's Faith

Lifelong conversion

Prayers and blessings and the Word

Role of the parish

Rite of Election

Workshop 3

Purification and Enlightenment

Reflection and conversion

Scrutinies, Presentations, Preparatory Rites,

Sacraments of Initiation

Workshop 4

Mystagogy

Ongoing catechesis

Making whole parish connections

"...the people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized."

Vatican Council II, Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity
ad gentes no. 14.

Catechetical Leader Ministry

**Presenters: Christian Formation Staff
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Workshop 1

How We Grow & Help Others to Grow in Faith

Faith Development

Catechetical Methodology

Workshop 2

Teaching Children & Youth

Workshop 3

Administrative Stewardship

Time, office & program management

Recruitment & training of volunteer catechists

Workshop 4

Adult Learning & Leading

Adult Catechesis

Effective leadership & teamwork skills

“The single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader.” *National Directory for Catechesis*, p. 224

Catechist Formation & Certification

**Presenters: Christian Formation Staff
and invited guests**

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In addition to courses taken during the two years of Formation For Ministry, the following courses are also required for catechist certification:

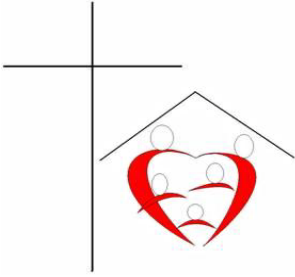
Spirituality of the Catechist

Introduction to the Learner

Methodology

These workshops will be offered by the Department of Christian Formation during the two years of Formation For Ministry training. Participants choosing this area of ministry should contact their regional Christian Formation Office for information regarding scheduling of courses needed to satisfy requirements.

“Since effective catechesis depends on virtuous and skilled catechists, their ongoing formation should enhance the human, spiritual, and apostolic qualities and catechetical skills they bring to their ministry.” *National Directory for Catechesis*, p. 238



Family Ministry
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“As Church leaders we must also speak words of commitment to families. An important responsibility for the Church is to support families in the missions as a “Church of the home.” This is where our theological vision of Christian Family Life gives way to far-reaching, even radical, pastoral implications. Thus, our pledge to families should be one of partnership.”

-- Joseph Cardinal Bernadin

Workshop 1

You, the Family and the Church

Family ministry programming,
challenges and opportunities

Workshop 2

Creating a Family Friendly Parish

Assessing Needs

Workshop 3

Developing a Family Perspective

Workshop 4

Growing the Vision of Family Ministry in Your Parish

*“No plan of organized pastoral work at any level must never fail to take into consideration the pastoral area of the family.” –
Familiaris Consortio*

Outreach Ministry

Presenters: Catholic Charities Staff

Workshop 1

Principles of Parish

Social Ministry

- * Social mission of the church
- * Ministry to the dignity of the person
- * Baptismal Call to serve
- * Empowerment of Confirmation
- * Needs assessment

Workshop 2

Processes of Social Ministry

- * Tasks for parish Social Ministry
- * Social action methods
- * Direct service methods
- * Social systems

Workshop 3

Leadership in the Parish Social Ministry

- * Recruiting, training & supervising volunteers
- * Networking
- * Time management
- * Conflict resolution
- * Ecumenical ramifications
- * Collaboration

Workshop 4

Parish Social Ministry & Outreach

- * Experience in Social Ministry & Outreach: group sharing of activities & projects
- * Common questions & concerns: group activity problem-solving questions & concerns from hands-on experience
- * Exploring linkages: networking with other services & resources in the community; utilizing parish- based programs of the church community
- * Convening & collaborating with other ministries: the family as a basic unit of the local church and shared activities with ministries of worship, family, youth, sick & elderly



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Presenters: Diocesan Youth Ministry Staff

“Youth ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community”. Our workshops will explore in detail the US Catholic Bishop’s landmark work *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. *Renewing the Vision* is a call to make ministry with adolescents a concern for the entire church community, especially for leaders in parishes, schools, and dioceses.

Workshop 1

The Growth and Development
of the Church’s Ministry with Adolescents

Workshop 2

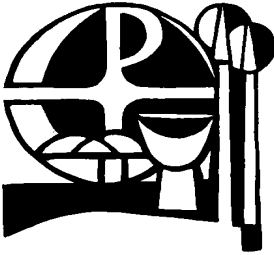
Goals for Ministry with Adolescents

Workshop 3

Themes and Components for a
Comprehensive Ministry with Adolescents

Workshop 4

A Guiding Image for Ministry with Adolescents



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**Presenters: Department of Worship Staff &
Invited Guests**

Workshop 1

Liturgical Music and Art

Role of music in creating a prayerful celebration
Use of symbols at Liturgy
Guidelines for church buildings and furnishing

Workshop 2

Training Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Practical Dos & Don'ts - Role of liturgical Ministers
Explanation of Lectionary
Procedure for distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, at
a Communion Service and to Shut-ins

Workshop 3

Presiding at Prayer – Using the Liturgy of the Hours

Principles of good liturgy
Role of the presider
Structure of prayer & devotional services

Workshop 4

Liturgical Resources

The goal of liturgy
The Job of the Liturgy Committee
Recruitment of Liturgical Ministers
Collaboration with the Ordained Minister

Sick and Elderly Ministry

Presenters: Invited Guests



Workshop 1

Aging Background

Physical

Emotional

Psycho-Social

Communicating with the Elderly

Workshop 2

Institutional and Homebound Elderly

Role of caregiver

Ethical Issues

Agency networking

Workshop 3

Death and Dying, Grief & Bereavement

General process of Life

Natural, inevitable losses

How to deal with loss

Workshop 4

Praying with the Sick & Elderly

Developing listening skills

Reactions to body/silent language

“What” to say & “when” to say it

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