

College Credit Option

Candidates may choose to take the Lay Ministry Formation Program for college credit through Benedictine University at Springfield. There is an additional cost for those candidates choosing this option.

From the reception of these charisms or gifts, including those which are less dramatic, there arise for each believer the right and the duty to use them in the Church and the world for the good of humankind and for the upbuilding of the Church.

Vatican Council II

Decree on the Apostolate
of the Laity, #3

Admission Requirements

Candidates...

- Possess a personal desire to serve others by leading them in the practice of the faith.
- Are mature in their active practice of the faith.
- Possess the ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Adhere to contemporary theology and ecclesiology.
- Have the ability to read, comprehend and reflect on college level material.
- Have passed the GED or have earned a high school diploma.
- Be baptized and confirmed and if married, the marriage should be recognized as valid by the Church.
- Have some active parish/institutional experience.
- Have the support and consent of their families.
- Are recommended formally by their pastor, institution head, or when applying independently, Church leadership.

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**Diocese of Springfield
in Illinois
&
Benedictine University
at Springfield**

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Mission Statement

Since Christian initiation is the call to active participation in the mission and ministry of the Church and realizing that each person has gifts and charisms share in the service of the people of God, the Office for Ministry Formation of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois seeks to prepare more effective volunteer, part-time, and full-time ministers by providing academic, spiritual and pastoral formation which gives participants a broader sense of self, Church and God.

The ministries which exist and are at work at this time in the Church are all, even in their variety of forms, a participation in Jesus Christ's own ministry as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, the humble servant who gives himself without reserve for the salvation of all.

Pope John Paul II
Christifideles Laici, #21

Program Overview

The first year is a year of common study, taught on a college level, introducing candidates to various areas of Church teaching:

1. Orientation to Ministry
2. Overview of the Catholic Faith
3. Liturgy and Prayer
4. Liturgy and Sacraments
5. Catholic Moral Theology
6. Catholic Social Teaching
7. Theology of Church
8. History of the Church
9. Christian Human Growth and Development
10. Scripture

Sessions generally meet one Saturday each month (August through May) from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield, Illinois.

The second year invites candidates to specialize in an area of pastoral ministry. Currently the Lay Ministry Formation Program offers six specializations:

- Adult Faith in Life Issues
- Catechetical Leadership Ministry
- Clinical Pastoral Care Ministry
- Liturgical Ministry: Liturgical Leadership
- Liturgical Ministry: Christian Initiation of Adults Leadership
- Youth Ministry

More Information

Please send information on the following specializations:

- Adult Faith in Life Issues
- Catechetical Leadership Ministry
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