

Pastoral Formation

Pastoral Formation supports the Mission of Evangelization by continuous formation of the laity employed by the diocese, non-ordained religious contracted in service to the diocese; and, to some extent, clergy. Pastoral formation seeks to cultivate and support the mission of the diocese and the Church.

Such support will be provided by planning curriculum and implementing courses, workshops, retreat days for diocesan personnel and parish staffs, as well as deacon continual formation. Various resources will be offered in the areas of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation.

Reference to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, current papal and magisterial documents and narrative theology will be employed.

Testimonials of those who have completed Year One— Formation for Mission and Ministry (FFMM)

“Formation of the laity and this seminar has been needed for a very long time in the diocese.”

“I really appreciated hearing and sharing the ideas from other people in the various parishes.”

“I didn’t realize how my job is really a continuation of Jesus’ ministry, and I don’t just come to a job everyday.”

“I look forward to upcoming seminars and workshops to increase my faith.”

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Peace and All Good!

WHAT IS PASTORAL FORMATION?





“Pastoral Formation is an integral part of the Education and Faith Formation Office of the Diocese. Pastoral Formation collaborates with the offices of central administration and provides coordinated, thorough and consistent preparation for ministry throughout our large diocese. Pastoral Formation helps lay women and men to understand the process of

How it began

A conversation with the Bishop on the needs of diocesan staff and ministers began in January, 2015. On August 31, 2015, bishop hired new Pastoral Formation Manager with the support of the Curia to provide formation services for diocesan offices and parish staffs. In early fall of 2015, a new curriculum was developed. A schedule was next arranged to visit all parishes by the end of second semester, 2016. Various parishes began to ask the office of Pastoral Formation to provide retreats and workshops on formation and various other topics.

What can we look forward to next?

- Year two of FFMM begins in the fall, 2016;
- Continue sending monthly formative updates to all staff and all those who desire a closer intimacy with the Lord;
- Offer retreats, ministry workshops, parish council workshops to continue formation in our parishes;
- Provide continual updates from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, magisterial teachings and happenings around Rome and the global church and society.



Formation Theology looks at a spirituality of Ministry

- Conviction** there is more to life, people and events than meets the eye.
- Gives **meaning** to what we do and what happens in our diocese.
- Sees the **presence of God** in the events of ordinary life.
- Sacredness of “**confidentiality**”.
- God is at work at **WORK**.

Formation theology refers to the classics:

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

I need to be silent for a while, worlds are **forming** in my heart.