

# Formation Weekend Schedule (Fall & Spring)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
OF CHARLESTON  
OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

- ◇ Saturday: 8:30am - 6:30pm
  - 8:30am: Morning Prayer
  - 9:00am - 12:00pm: Pastoral, Spiritual, & Human Formation
  - 1:00pm - 4:45pm: Saint Leo Instruction
  - 5:00pm: Mass
- ◇ Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm
  - 8:30am: Morning Prayer
  - 9:00am - 1:15pm: Saint Leo Instruction

## Formation Location

Our Lady of the Hills  
120 Marydale Lane  
Columbia, SC 29210

## Summer Semester 2025

- \* Saturday May 17, 2025
- \* Sunday May 18: Class 2026 Only: Homiletics
- \* Saturday June 21, 2025
- \* Sunday June 22: Class 2026 Only: Homiletics
- \* Saturday July 19, 2025
- \* Sunday July 20: Class 2026 Only: Homiletics
- \* Saturday August 16, 2025
- \* Sunday August 17: Class 2026 Only: Homiletics

Saturday 7:40am: Morning Prayer

- 8:00am - 4:45pm: Saint Leo Instruction
- 5:00pm: Mass

Class 2026: Sundays 8:30 MP; 9a-1p Homiletics  
(Dcn Pierce)

### Saint Leo Instruction

Class 2026: THY600 Augustine (Doyle)

Class 2029: THY502 Hebrew Scriptures (Smith)

## Fall Semester 2025 (Classes of 2029 & 2031)

- \* Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21, 2025
- \* Saturday, September 27th, 11:00 at the **Basilica of St. Peter** with Bishop Fabre-Jeune
  - \* Admission to Candidacy Class of 2029
- \* Saturday & Sunday October 18 & 19, 2025
- \* Saturday & Sunday November 15 & 16, 2025
- \* Saturday & Sunday December 6 & 7, 2025\*

### Saturday Morning Presentation (2029)

September—Developing Spiritual Habits (Dcn Vehige)

October—OCIA (Ms. Combier-Donovan)

November—Catholic Vocabulary (Dcn Santilli)

December—Liturgical Spanish (Dcn J Baker)

### Saint Leo Instruction

Class 2029: THY502 Christian Scriptures (Martocchio)

Class 2031: Discernment (Saturday only)

## Spring Semester 2026 (Classes of 2029 & 2031)

2026 Ordination Retreat: Jan 6-10 @ Mepkin Abbey (Mandatory)

2026 Ordination: Feb 7 @ 11:00am Cathedral of St John the Baptist. *Class of 2029 serves as acolytes.*

- \* Saturday & Sunday January 17 & 18, 2026
- \* Saturday & Sunday February 21 & 22, 2026
- \* Saturday & Sunday March 21 & 22, 2026
- \* Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19, 2026

### Saturday Morning Presentation

Class 2029: Social Justice (Various)

### Saint Leo Instruction

Class 2029: THY570 Spirituality (TBD)

Class 2031: Discernment (Saturday only)

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- \* Saturday & Sunday September 13 & 14, 2025
  - \* Saturday September 13: Practicum (TBD)
  - \* Saturday, Sept 27th, 11:00 Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia w/Bishop Fabre-Jeune: Degree Conferral
  - \* Saturday & Sunday October 11 & 12, 2025
  - \* Saturday October 11: Baptism Practicum
  - \* Saturday & Sunday November 8 & 9, 2025
  - \* Saturday November 8: Wedding Practicum
  - \* Saturday & Sunday December 13 & 14, 2025
  - \* Saturday December 13: Mass Practicum
- Pastoral Center (Chancery)  
901 Orange Grove Road  
Charleston, SC 29407
- ### Instruction
- Sat 8:30am—Morning Prayer
  - Sat 9:00am—2:00pm Canon Law— Father Thomas Miles
  - Sun 2:00pm—5:00pm—Liturgical Practicums— Deacon Brian Justice

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