

## Who Endorses Lay Ministry?

We urge that theological education and formation be extended to more lay persons... The Church needs a well-educated, inquiring and vocal laity if the new evangelization is to achieve its full potential. *Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium*, p. 21, USCCB

I strongly encourage pastors to promote the lay ministry formation program and seek out individuals who would benefit from this training to assume leadership positions in parishes.

**Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, D.D.**  
*Archbishop of Hartford*

### Lay Ministry Class of 2008

The lay ministry program will enrich your knowledge of who you are, your knowledge of the many facets of the Church and will give you a clearer direction of the path you should walk as you continue your faith journey.  
*Alese Kummer, St. Augustine Church, Seymour Class of 2008*

"I think it was just a natural progression for me. I've been active in my parish for many years. I've served on parish council. I'm a lector. Now I am involved in the RCIA process as part of my project. I love it."

*Laurie DeLuca, St. Augustine Church, Hartford*

"The experience of the lay ministry program was enriching. It fortified my Catholic identity and provided a framework of education across multiple disciplines. These classes were the highlight of my week."

*Richard Swenton, St. Joseph Church, Bristol*



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## Lay Ministry Formation Program 2010-2012



**A theological education and  
formation for lay people**  
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## What is the Lay Ministry Program ?

**An 18 month training program for lay people who want to:**

- Deepen their faith
- Train for various parish ministries
- Become a more effective leader
- Broaden their theological knowledge
- Improve their ministerial and helping skills

## How will it Help Parishes?

Provide training for lay volunteers:

- Enrich parish life
- Help volunteers become more confident and able to assume greater responsibilities in the parish
- Meet recognized needs for trained persons in specific areas of ministry

## What is Offered?

Classes in Theology, Spiritual development and Pastoral Skills

An integral component is a parish project

## Financial Cost

\$1300- usually assumed by sponsoring parish

## What Areas of Ministry Can be Studied?

- Adult Faith Formation
- Baptismal Preparation
- Bereavement
- Catechetics
- Divorced and Separated Ministry
- Evangelization
- Family Life
- Hispanic Ministry
- Liturgy
- Ministry to the Sick
- Ministry to the Elderly
- RCIA
- Spiritual Life
- Social Justice
- Stewardship
- Youth Ministry
- Other areas of Ministry



## Where are Classes held?

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at The Archdiocesan Center at

St. Thomas Seminary  
467 Bloomfield Ave.  
Bloomfield, CT

## For Whom is it Designed?

Catholic men or women over the age of 21 with leadership potential

### Criteria for selection:

- Practicing Catholic
- Vital faith life
- Good self-image
- Ability to relate to a variety of people
- Openness to change
- Sponsored by a parish

## What is the Time Commitment?

The candidate is asked to make an 18 month commitment which includes:

- 2 weekend retreats
- 2 evenings of reflection
- 1 class night per week for 50 weeks
- 25-30 weeks of internship



See our web site for an application,  
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