

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*



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*

"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*



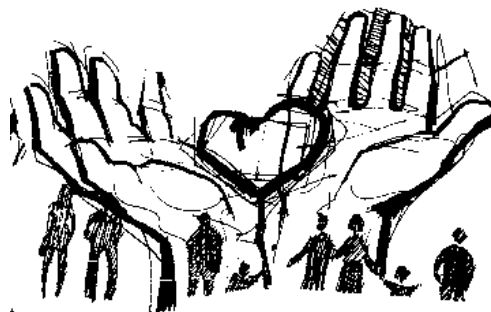
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**A Theological
Education and
Formation for Lay
People**

***Lay Ministry
Formation
Program***

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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 internship

Financial Cost

\$1400 (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 evening from 7 to 9 pm at The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT

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



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

See our web site for an application, www.orehartford.org, or contact Mary E. Marsan