

Diocese of Ballarat

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Online Course Provider:

The Virtual Learning Community, University of Dayton

www.vlccf.udayton.edu

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers online study combined with Diocesan-based reflection groups, formation sessions and individual support.

Who is this program for?

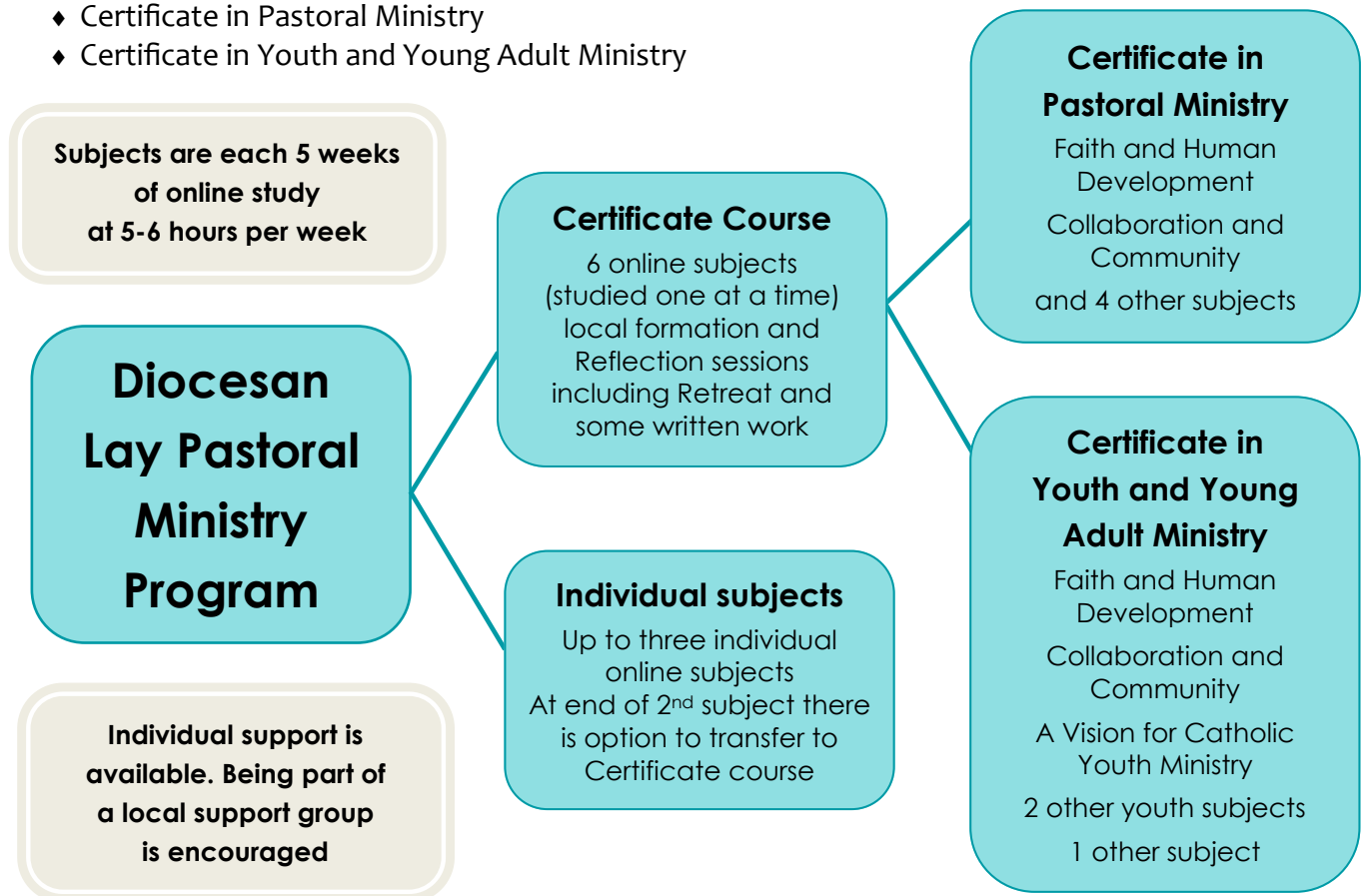
Lay women and men (18+) of the Diocese of Ballarat who are currently living in the diocese, who are engaged in parish and diocesan life as a volunteer or in a paid role and with a study pathway or subjects chosen in consultation with the Facilitator of the Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers the opportunity for lay workers (paid or volunteer):

- ♦ to study individual subject/s or
- ♦ to undertake a six subject Certificate course

Two courses are being certified by Ballarat Diocese:

- ♦ Certificate in Pastoral Ministry
- ♦ Certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry



It is envisaged a Certificate may take two years to complete, but there is no fixed time frame. Those who choose to start with individual subjects can transfer to a Certificate course. Completion of subject/s or Certificate, together with associated participation in local formation gatherings, will be certified by the Diocese of Ballarat.

Financial details

Since Ballarat Diocese is a VLCFF partner with Dayton University, subject fees are discounted. The current per subject fee is \$US50 (approx \$AUD68) for Diocesan participants. Each participant arranges payment of this through their parish or personally. There may be additional participation fees for retreats and formation gatherings.