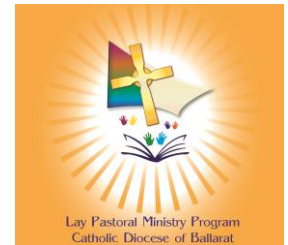




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LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM NEWS

The first parishioners participating in the Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program have completed a subject. For most of them this is the first of six subjects as part of a Certificate of Lay Pastoral Ministry. Others are happy to have done one subject for now. Feedback about the subjects and the online teaching has been very positive. Those participating come from different parishes with a range of different backgrounds and experiences. Currently more people are enrolling to start their first subject in late August. There are six study cycles each year with the next ones being in October and January. As well as online study, participants will also be able to attend formation and reflection sessions in person in the diocese as part of the program.



This **Lay Pastoral Ministry Program** offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. If you are interested, information is available on the diocesan website (link at bottom right of front page), or contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, or email [here](#).