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LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM IS GROWING STRONGER

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is now eighteen months old! It is growing stronger with new participants joining every time a new study cycle is advertised.

Recently Bishop Paul took the opportunity to present Noeline Hogan from Birchip (pictured below) with a subject certificate from our diocesan partner, the University of Dayton USA, who deliver the online study subjects through their Virtual Learning Community.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program participants come from parishes all around the diocese and have different backgrounds, skills, and reasons for wanting to extend their knowledge and understanding and so participate more effectively in lay ministry.

Throughout the year there are six study cycles, each five weeks long. You can start at any one of those cycles. One subject takes five weeks to complete and is studied online.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers subjects in a wide range of study areas, including Youth Ministry. The first study cycle for 2018 starts in January and new participants would need to be registered by January 5. If you are interested in finding out more, please look at the information on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (Lay Pastoral Ministry icon on home page) then contact Amanda on 5337 7125 (messages left outside office hours will be returned).

