



FORMATION AND REFLECTION WITH TAIZÉ!

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program recently held a formation and reflection day for participants in the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program. All those attending have successfully completed multiple online study subjects to support and enhance their varied work and involvement in parish ministry.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program was started almost three years ago to offer low cost study opportunities that are user-friendly, because they are online and short. Each subject is five weeks long and you do one subject at a time.



Participants gather twice a year in Ballarat if possible, and many travel quite a distance to be there, to talk together and share their experiences. This time there were formation sessions on Vatican II's focus on laity with Amanda Smith, and on Taizé and Taizé prayer with Audrey Brown, as well as opportunities for reflection and prayer. The day was well received, with lots of lively and thoughtful conversation, finishing with Taizé prayer.

New participants in the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program are welcome throughout the year. Information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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