

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - 2025

Level	Course Duration	Cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	✓3 weeks	✓5 weeks	Start Date	20-Jan	10-Mar	28-Apr	2-Jun	21-Jul	8-Sep	27-Oct
ADULT FORMATION LEADERSHIP										
3	Designing and Implementing Adult Learning and Faith Formation								✓	
3	Facilitating Adult Learning and Faith Formation			✓						
3	Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation								✓	
3	Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation					✓				
3	Many Faces of Adult Learners		✓							
3	Parish as a Learning Community (AFL 2)									✓
3	Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation							✓		
CATECHESIS										
1	Basic Catechist Formation 1.1 (Catechesis is...)		✓		✓		✓			
1	Basic Catechist Formation 1.2 Vocation of the Catechist					✓		✓		
1	Basic Catechist Formation 1.3 The Human Development and			✓						✓
1	Basic Catechist Formation 2.1 Methodology				✓					
3	Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan				✓					
1	Directory for Catechesis: A General Overview and Reflection				✓				✓	
2	Directory for Catechesis: In Depth Review and Study					✓				✓
2	Emotional Intelligence and Its Impact on Faith Formation				✓					✓
2	Evangelization and Discipleship			✓						✓
1	Faith and Human Development		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Our Hearts Were Burning				✓		✓			
2	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Understanding Culture in Ministry: Building Bridges			✓					✓	
3	Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists		✓			✓				✓
CATHOLIC DOCTRINE										
3	An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary					✓				
1	Catholic Beliefs		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Christology		✓				✓			
1	Images of Jesus		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Introduction to Christian Morality		✓			✓				✓
3	Mary in Liturgical Life of the Church						✓			
3	Mary in Scripture and Tradition									✓
2	Survey of Catholic Doctrine		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life				✓					✓
CHURCH HISTORY										
1	Church History 1		✓			✓		✓		
1	Church History 2			✓			✓			✓
ECCLESIOLOGY										
1	Ecclesiology: A Theological, Historical and Pastoral Summary				✓				✓	
2	Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church		✓					✓		
2	Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church			✓					✓	
2	Ecclesiology: Reframing Church					✓				✓

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FOUNDATION FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY										
2	Administration in Ministry									✓
2	Collaboration and Community									✓
2	Communication and Community								✓	
2	Leadership in Ministry			✓						
2	Pastoral Approach to Culture							✓		
2	Vocation to Ministry						✓			
LITURGY, SACRAMENTS, PRAYER										
1	Foundations for Liturgy		✓				✓		✓	
2	Introduction to Liturgy			✓				✓		
2	Introduction to Prayer		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation			✓					✓	
1	Liturgical Books									✓
1	Music in Liturgy								✓	
2	On Bended Knee					✓		✓		
2	Praying with Children							✓		
1	Permanent Deacons: Discerning a Call to Holy Orders			✓						
1	Sacraments		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
1	The Mass			✓				✓		
MORALITY										
1	Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, & Human Sexuality Education			✓				✓		✓
1	Conscience			✓			✓			
2	Introduction to Practical Morality		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
SCRIPTURE										
1	Bible Basics		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Galatians			✓						
2	Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters		✓				✓			
1	Introduction to Scripture		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
1	New Testament		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Old Testament		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Old Testament Literature and Theology		✓					✓		
1	Panorama of the Old Testament						✓			
2	Prophets								✓	
3	Scripture and Justice			✓						
3	Scripture, the Soul of Mariology			✓						
SOCIAL JUSTICE										
3	Advanced Catholic Social Teaching								✓	
3	History of Catholic Social Action		✓							
3	Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World							✓		
2	Romero: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr and Saint					✓				
2	Survey of Catholic Social Teaching						✓			✓

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SPECIAL NEEDS										
3	Autism in Faith Formation							✓		
3	Bioethical Issues, Including Care for the Aging and Support for Families							✓		
2	Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief, Trauma Support and Counseling	✓								
3	Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life - Pastoral Implications						✓			
1	Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview	✓								
2	Disability across the Life Span: Prenatal Diagnosis - End of Life Care									✓
1	Faith Formation for Adults <u>w</u> Intellectual & Developmental								✓	
1	Fundamentals in Deaf Faith Formation Methodologies			✓						
2	Moral Injury: When Our Pain Blocks God's Joy						✓			
2	Veteran and Military Family Outreach			✓						
SPIRITUALITY										
1	Angels in the Bible				✓				✓	
1	Images of Mary				✓			✓		
1	Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act				✓				✓	
3	Mary and Spirituality: A Journey of Holiness								✓	
1	Mercy				✓					✓
1	Praying with Creative Arts: Poetry				✓					
1	Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple				✓				✓	
2	The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion			✓						
2	The Parish Nurse: Facilitating Wholistic Health Through the Lifespan									✓
YOUTH MINISTRY										
2	A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry							✓		
2	Planning Youth Ministry Events			✓						
2	Prayer and Worship with Adolescents									✓
2	Principles for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth Ministry	✓								
2	Relational Ministry with Youth						✓			
OTHER										
2	Bereavement Ministry: A Christian Perspective							✓		
2	Catholic Identity and Culture				✓			✓		✓
2	Catechetical Methodology	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Introduction to Pastoral Care			✓				✓		
2	Ministry Leadership in the Church Today				✓			✓		
2	Summary of Catholic Social Teaching				✓					✓
3	Who is Mary of Nazareth, and Why Should We Care?	✓								
1	BASIC level would be for someone who has no or limited knowledge of the subject, or is looking for a refresher on the topic									
2	INTERMEDIATE level would assume knowledge of the topics covered in the basic level.									
3	ADVANCED level would require good exposure to all the basic topics and the desire for a much more academically rigorous study of the topic.									

Students should expect to put in approximately five hours of work for each week of any course.
(eg. 5 week course = 25 clock hours)