

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - 2026

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			Start Date	19-Jan	9-Mar	13-Apr	1-Jun	20-Jul	7-Sep
ADULT FAITH FORMATION									
3	Designing and Implementing Adult Learning and Faith Formation							✓	
3	Facilitating Adult Learning and Faith Formation				✓				
3	Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation					✓			
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 Human Development & Spirituality					✓			✓
2	Catechetical Methodology				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan			✓					
1	Directory for Catechesis: A General Overview and Reflection			✓					✓
2	Evangelization and Discipleship				✓				✓
1	Faith and Human Development		✓		✓	✓			✓
2	Guidelings and Norms for Evangelizing Catechesis					✓			✓
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	Romero: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr and Saint			✓					
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					✓			✓
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									
2	Introduction to Liturgy		✓		✓		✓		
1	Introduction to the Sacraments of Initiation				✓				

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1	Liturgical Books								✓
1	Music in Liturgy							✓	
2	On Bended Knee			✓				✓	
1	Permanent Deacons: Discerning a Call to Holy Orders				✓				
2	Praying with Children				✓		✓		
1	Sacraments		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	The Mass				✓		✓		
MORALITY									
1	Conscience				✓				
1	Discernment in Practical Morality				✓		✓		✓
other									
2	Bereavement Ministry: A Christian Perspective						✓		
2	Catholic Identity and Culture			✓				✓	
1	Catholic Teachings on Chastity and Human Sexuality				✓				
3	Church and Communication		✓						
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?		✓						
SCRIPTURE									
1	Bible Basics		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Galatians				✓				
2	Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters					✓			
2	Introduction to Prayer		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Introduction to Scripture		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	New Testament		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Old Testament		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Scripture and Justice				✓				
3	Scripture, the Soul of Mariology				✓				
1	The Role of Missionary Discipleship in Evangelizing Catechesis			✓			✓		✓
SOCIAL JUSTICE									
3	Advanced Catholic Social Teaching							✓	
3	History of Catholic Social Action		✓						
2	Survey of Catholic Social Teaching					✓			
1	This Land is Home to Me: The Cry of Appalachia				✓		✓		✓
SPECIAL NEEDS									
3	Autism in Faith Formation						✓		
2	Chronic Illness: Mental Illness, Grief, Trauma Support and		✓						
1	Faith Formation for Adults w Intellectual & Developmental							✓	
1	Fundamentals in Deaf Faith Formation Methodologies				✓				
2	Veteran and Military Family Outreach				✓				
3	Creative Methodologies:ADHD in Parish Life-Pastoral Implications					✓			
3	The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): A process, not a				✓			✓	
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	Praying with Creative Arts: Poetry			✓					

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1	Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple			✓					✓	
2	The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion		✓							
2	The Parish Nurse: Facilitating Wholistic Health Through the									✓
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						✓			
1	BASIC level:for those who have no or limited knowledge of the subject, or looking for a refresher on the topic									
2	INTERMEDIATE level for those with some knowledge of the topics covered in the basic level.									
3	ADVANCED level requires 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)