

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about **INTO MY VINEYARD**

- **Who is *INTO MY VINEYARD* for?** It is training for lay men and women from Parishes and Partnerships who will be willing to assist their Priest in the Administration / Management of their parishes.
- **Why is it needed?** The day is quickly coming when every priest will be assigned to at least two parishes – and many will have 3 or 4. Lay men and women will have to be trained to assist their Pastors, *especially in Administration/Management*. The tasks to be handled by Lay Ecclesial Ministers will multiply. Above all, it is right that lay men and women prepare to participate in this ministry, proper to their skills, background, and training.
- **What about those currently serving in this ministry? Can they participate in *INTO MY VINEYARD*?** This is an opportunity also for those currently serving to deepen their understanding and discover new ways to serve in their present Administrative/Management roles.
- **How long will this special *INTO MY VINEYARD* training take?** This special one-year program will meet for six Saturdays (Sept. Oct. Nov.2021 / Feb. Mar. Apr.2022). It will begin on Sat. Sept. 18.
- **Where will *INTO MY VINEYARD* meet?** The Saturday sessions (from 10 AM to 3 PM) will meet in Belleville, Mt. Vernon, and West Frankfort.
- **What if I cannot make it to a session/miss a session?** Because the number of sessions is only six, attendance at every session will be necessary to complete the training and formation.
- **Who will lead the sessions?** Qualified clergy and lay professionals from our own Diocese, under the guidance of the Diocesan Department of Faith Formation.
- **What is the cost?** Parishes/Partnerships will pay the \$310 cost per participant.
- **Who should apply for the year of *INTO MY VINEYARD*?** Applicants should be active, capable, Catholic women and men. They should show both a desire and an ability to be of administrative/managerial help to their Priest.
- **How do people apply to participate in *INTO MY VINEYARD*?** First, interested lay men and women should speak with their Priest. They should then complete the application (available from the Priest or on-line at www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard) and then give their completed application to their Pastor. He is asked to include a brief recommendation and then forward the application to the Diocesan Pastoral Center.
- **Where can I find more information?** Ask your Priest – or go to <https://www.diobelle.org/into-my-vineyard> or call the Diocesan Department of Faith Formation at 618.722.5052.

