



"The laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God...they are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope and charity. Therefore, since they are tightly bound up in all types of temporal affairs it is their special task to order and to throw light upon these affairs in such a way that they may come into being and then continually increase according to Christ to the praise of the Creator and the Redeemer."

Lumen Gentium 31

Format

- Virtual Learning
 - The heart of the LFI consists of 14 Saturday workshops which will be available via livestream and as a recording. Presenters from both inside and outside our diocese will break open key themes from our curriculum.
 - To supplement the core topics, participants will take online theology courses through Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute
- In Person Formation
 - Opening one day guided reflection
 - Weekend long closing retreat
- Real World Application
 - Through the Called and Gifted discernment process, participants will identify their spiritual charism and take steps to implement it on a practical level.



Cost and Commitment

- \$300 per year to cover workshops, CI courses and reflection/retreat days (**\$600 total LFI cost**)
- Saturday workshops will take 3 hours. One to two page follow up reflections are required after each session. Preparatory reading to be expected for certain workshops.
- Catechetical Institute courses require approximately 4 hours of work per course between watching lectures, reading key texts and responding to reflection.

OUR PARTNERS

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is happy to partner with the Catherine of Siena Institute and the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville (CI). Both organizations are at the forefront of providing lay Catholics with opportunities to grow as disciples in their daily lives.

Catherine of Siena Institute

Founded by Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, the Siena Institute is one of the leading Catholic organizations dedicated to helping laity identify their gifts and charisms for the sake of the Gospel. Our diocese will be employing their Called and Gifted workshop and interview methodology to help LFI participants understand how God has equipped them to sanctify the world in a unique way.



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EQUIPPING PARISHES TO FORM LAY APOSTLES

Franciscan University Catechetical Institute

CI equips laity to join the "army of catechists" called for by St. John Paul II, eager to help the Church in her mission of making all nations joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. CI combines a thorough formation in Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterial documents with training in effective pedagogical techniques to help those we serve to grasp the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Father's plan.



VISION FOR LFI

To offer quality spiritual, intellectual and human formation to lay people so that they are equipped to live out their vocation in the world

WHO IS THIS FOR?



This is geared to make you a more effective disciple of Jesus right where God has placed you **in the world**. While it is expected that all participants are practicing Catholics with a strong attachment to their local parish, the curriculum is focused on sanctifying the cultural spaces outside the usual reach of the institutional Church. Those who are passionate about bringing the presence of Christ to their families, neighborhoods, social circles, workplace and local community are ideal candidates for this program.

2023-2025 Tentative Schedule



2023-2024

- August 12** In Person Opening Reflection
- September 9** Laity's Role in the Church
- October 7** Spirituality for the Laity
- November 4** Called and Gifted Workshop
- January 13** Historical Considerations and Canon Law
- February 10** Laity and the World Part One
- March 9** Laity and the World Part Two
- April 13** Lay Holiness in the Church
- May - July** Catechetical Institute coursework

2024-2025

- August 10** Evangelization Threshold Conversations
- September 14** Evangelization Apologetics
- October 12** Evangelization Fostering Community
- November 2** The Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine - the Human Person and Family
- January 11** The Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine - the Common Good and the Political Order
- February 8** The Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine - the Dignity of Work
- March 8** The Laity as Cultural Protagonists
- April 25-27** In Person Closing Retreat

MORE INFORMATION

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