

2025-2026 Formation for Ministry Course Schedule

6 classes per session/2 hours per class 6:30pm-8:30pm (*unless otherwise noted)

	<u>Session 1</u> Tuesdays Sept 9 thru Oct 14 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 2</u> Mondays October 27 thru December 1 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 3</u> Wednesdays January 7 thru February 11 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 4</u> Wednesdays Feb 25 thru April 1 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 5</u> Tuesdays April 14 thru May 19 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Year 1	<i>Discovery</i> Instructors: Lisa Hall Mary Angela Fisher Andrea Slaven	<i>Source</i> Instructors: Lisa Hall Mary Angela Fisher Andrea Slaven	<i>Old Testament</i> Fr. Dan Muscalino	<i>New Testament</i> Fr. Dan Muscalino	<i>Sacraments</i> Fr. Chris Ballard
	<u>Session 1</u> Wednesdays Sept 10 thru Oct 15 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 2</u> Tuesdays Oct 28 thru Dec 2 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 3</u> Tuesdays Jan 13 thru Feb 17 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 4</u> Tuesdays Feb 24 thru Mar 31 6:30-8:30 PM	<u>Session 5</u> Tuesdays Apr 14 thru May 19 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Year 2	<i>Evangelization</i> Fr. Ken Kirkman	<i>Spirituality for Leadership</i> Mrs. Cathy Cornue	<i>Church History</i> Mr. David Hines	<i>Pastoral Care</i> Deacon Dare Dutter	<i>Liturgy</i> Fr. Joe Scardella

Course Descriptions

Course Title: *Discovery (Catholic Christian Outreach Series 1)*

Instructor(s): Lisa Hall, Andrea Slaven, Bob Walters/Mary Angela Fisher

Course Description: Affirming each candidate's desire for ministry and service to others, *Discovery* helps ground each candidate in the "Who" behind the "why" of ministry by providing a journey of accompaniment to discover (or re-discover) who Christ is, and invites each candidate to commitment and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Course Title: *Source (Catholic Christian Outreach Series 2)*

Instructor(s): Lisa Hall, Andrea Slaven, Bob Walters/Mary Angela Fisher

Course Description: Ministry efforts must be grounded in the kerygma (the life, death, and resurrection of Christ) and must be viewed through and offered with openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This study will accompany candidates into the journey of discovering who the Holy Spirit is and invite the candidates to discern where he is at work in their own lives, in the lives of others, and how to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives more deeply so we can trust in and proclaim the goodness of God through our ministerial work.

Course Title: *Introduction to the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures)*

Instructor: Reverend Daniel Muscalino

Course Description: The ministerial candidate will have an enhanced understanding of the Old Testament/Hebrew Scripture and how the Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures give light to the New Testament/Christian Scripture.

Course Title: *New Testament (Christian Scriptures)*

Instructor: Reverend Daniel Muscalino

Course Description: Through an understanding of the political, cultural and theological backgrounds of the New Testament era, students will grow in knowledge, understanding and application of the New Testament to life and ministry in our time and place.

Course Title: *Morality*

Instructor: Reverend Daniel Muscalino

Course Description: This course is designed to give the ministerial candidate a basic understanding of the truth, complexity and simplicity of Catholic Moral Teaching.

Course Title: *Spirituality of Leadership*

Instructor: Mrs. Cathy Cornue

Course Description: The roles of the baptized as leaders in the Roman Catholic Church will be a focus. Perspectives on ways that leaders can be prepared to lead and can nurture their own spirituality, as well as the spirituality of those they lead, will be presented. Church teachings and examples from the lives of the Saints and current Church leaders will inform and guide participants' knowledge and skills, to further promote their growth as leaders in our Church.

Course Title: *Church History*

Instructor: Mr. David Hines

Course Description: In this course we will explore the vast history of the Catholic Church, the oldest institution in the Western world. We will learn about its development reaching back to Pentecost and the Apostles/Disciples to the post- modern Vatican II Church. We will look at the development of the Church and how we still acknowledge the sense of the deep continuity of our mission. Knowing our history is a way to understand how we, the body and bride of Jesus Christ, can spread Catholic Christianity in “a post- modern world.”

Course Title: *Pastoral Care*

Instructor: Deacon Dare Dutter

Course Description: This course is designed to provide an introductory understanding of the theory and practice of pastoral care in a variety of ministerial settings as well as recognizing the uniqueness of each individual to whom they minister.

Course Title: *Introduction to Liturgy*

Instructor: Reverend Joseph Scardella

Course Description: To assist students in their understanding of and purpose of the Sacred Liturgy. This course covers the History of the Liturgy, Liturgical Principles, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist, The Liturgy of the Hours, the formation of the Liturgical Year and Environment and Art in Catholic Worship.

Course Title: *Evangelization*

Instructor: Reverend Ken Kirkman

Course Description: This is intended to be a course integrating both lecture and discussion on the topic of evangelization. The Second Vatican Council reminded us all that the fundamental mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel; in a word, to evangelize. We will be investigating what it means to evangelize, why that task is so central to the life of the Church, and some of the best strategies for effective evangelization. We will be using a textbook on evangelization by Avery Cardinal Dulles SJ of blessed memory, as well as Church documents such as *Evangelii Nuntiandi* by Pope St. Paul VI and *Evangelii Gaudium* by Pope Francis.

Course Title: *Sacraments*

Instructor: Reverend Chris Ballard

Course Description: This course is intended to help participants grow in their understanding of the meaning and importance of the Sacraments and their history. We will explore the nature of the Sacraments and why the Church is both a sacrament herself and why she views the world in a sacramental way.