

LAY ♦ LEADER ♦ OF ♦ PRAYER

INITIAL FORMATION

FOR THOSE SELECTED FOR TRAINING TOWARD DIOCESAN CERTIFICATION

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TWO REQUIRED FRIDAY/SATURDAY SESSIONS:

Sept. 22 - 23 *and* Nov. 3 - 4, 2023

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BOTH FRIDAYS BEGIN WITH REGISTRATION AT 6:30 P.M. AND END 9:15 P.M.

BOTH SATURDAYS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AND END AT 4:00 P.M.

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SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BARRON

827 EAST LASALLE AVENUE—715-637-3255

PRESENTERS:

Sr. Roselyn Heil FSPA, Pat Pintens and Paul Birch

THIS TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO:

- Have been selected by their pastors, parish life coordinators or parish directors to function as lay leaders of prayer in their parishes in order to lead or assist with:
 - Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest in the parish church
 - Weekday Communion Services in the parish church
 - Aspects of parish Funeral Liturgies
- Are currently functioning in those capacities in their parishes without diocesan certification and who wish to become certified.



THESE WORKSHOPS ARE PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

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♦ 2023 INITIAL FORMATION ♦ REGISTRATION FORM ♦ 9/22 - 23 & 11/3 - 4 ♦

REGISTRATION FEE is \$80.00 per person and covers the cost of meals, refreshments and handouts. Each attendee needs to provide the information below along with the fee. **These should be received at the Chancery no later than Friday, September 13.** For multiple registrants, please duplicate the form.

Name _____ Home Phone # _____
Please circle - Mr. Mrs. Ms. Deacon Sister _____ Include area code

E-mail _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Parish _____ Pastor _____

Each participant is asked to cover the cost of overnight accommodations should they be needed.

Make checks payable to the Office of Worship

Please mail to: Diocese of Superior, Office of Worship, P.O. Box 969, Superior, WI 54880

Directions to 827 East LaSalle Avenue, Barron:

In Barron, from U.S. Highway 8 (East Division Avenue):

- turn South on South 8th Street (as north is not an option).
- drive one block South.
- St. Joseph Church will be to your left at the corner of South 8th Street and East LaSalle Avenue.

Why do I have to be certified by the diocese in order to function as a lay leader of prayer?

- Though it is not unheard of that people assist in this way at their parishes without diocesan certification, ideally the appointment of such ministers is made by the *Bishop* for a *definite time*. Those without diocesan certification lack this specific connection with Bishop Powers and his oversight regarding their period of certification.

Besides attendance at the required initial formation sessions, what else do I need to do to become certified?

- A completed application form, signed by your pastor, parish life coordinator or parish director—indicating that you've been chosen by your parish for this training.
- Successful completion of two assignments:
 - A video recording of the applicant functioning as a lay leader of prayer in a mock *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest* in their parish church.
 - An essay relating your experience functioning in this way for the video recording.

Why do I have to be specifically chosen by my pastoral leader to become a lay leader of prayer?

- Lay leaders of prayer are to be chosen in view of their consistency of their way of life with the Gospel and in the expectation of their being acceptable to the community of the faithful.
- Your pastoral leader also is the one designated to re-authorize your certification at four-year intervals, and assigns/approves all ongoing formation.

Once I become certified, how long does my period of certification last?

- Four years.

What is involved in the re-certification process?

- Your pastoral leader is sent a letter which asks:
 - Does the individual lay leader of prayer benefit from functioning as such in their parish?
 - Does the parish benefit from the individual functioning in that way?
 - Has the individual been diligent in participating in two ongoing formation opportunities per year aimed at helping them improve in their ministry?
- If the answer is yes to all three questions and the pastoral leader wants the individual to be recertified, they indicate this on the letter and return it to the chancery. The individual is then recertified for another four years.

If I will not often function as a lay leader of prayer on a Sunday, why does the assignment require this format for my video recording?

- For uniformity in training, it would be best for all attendees to use the same format for the recording.
- Because without warning you may at some time be required to function on a Sunday, it would be good for you to be familiar with that rite.
- All the skills required for leading a Sunday Celebration would be very useful to you as a lay leader of prayer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PAUL BIRCH: pbirch@catholicdos.org OR 715-394-0233

❖ REGISTRATION FORM ❖ SIDE TWO ❖

Please check which aspect(s) of functioning as a lay leader of prayer most closely matches the vision your pastor, parish life coordinator or parish director has for your involvement in your parish:

- _____ Leading Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest in the Parish Church
- _____ Leading Weekday Communion Services in the Parish Church
- _____ Assistance with parish Funeral Liturgies

Please include a question or two you may have regarding serving your parish as a lay leader of prayer:
