

## Year 2 Formation- Lay Ecclesial Ministry



A student's second year of the Missionary Leadership Institute follows successful completion of the Intensive Year and commissioning as a missionary disciple. Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation serves those who want to continue growing as leaders who wish to gain proficiency in their practice of lay ministry so as to help build ecclesial communion.

*"Their functions...require of lay ecclesial ministers a special level of professional competence and presence to the community. Their position often involves coordinating and directing others in the community. They are frequently employed on a full- or part-time basis by parishes, dioceses, or church institutions. For these reasons, their roles often require academic preparation, certification, credentialing, and a formation that integrates personal, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions." (Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, USCCB, p. 12)*

### MLI Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Requirements:

- Initial advisement meeting with Institute Staff
- Virtual Orientation on Thursday, August 28, 2025, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- Four in-person cohort meetings to study and reflect on the four dimensions of formation:
  - **Human** - Saturday, September 20, 2025, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Diocesan Campus
  - **Spiritual** - Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Diocesan Campus
  - **Pastoral** - Saturday, December 13, 2025, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Diocesan Campus
  - **Intellectual** - Saturday, April 11, 2026, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Diocesan Campus
  - **Make Up Date** - Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Diocesan Campus
- Pairing with a mentor for regular theological reflection, support, and guidance
- Completion of a minimum of ten Franciscan at Home online courses or Diocesan workshops
- Fulfillment of the Intercultural Competency course requirement
- Completion of the Basic Ministry for Parish Life workshop
- Completion of a ministerial practicum experience guided by a learning covenant, in consultation with the student's Pastor/Pastoral Leader
- Commissioning Mass: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 6:30 PM, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

The Year 2: Lay Ecclesial Ministry registration fee is \$50 (scholarships available). The deadline for registration is Friday, August 8, 2025.



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