

# ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY



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## What is the School of Ministry?

The School of Ministry forms lay men and women who desire to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and in their ability to serve the Church. Over the course of two years, participants develop knowledge in spirituality, theology, and pastoral ministry. Upon completion of the certificate program, graduates find they are closer to Jesus and are better able to serve in their parish and community.

## What is the format of the program?

There are two different formats. Choose the format that works best for you.

**Traditional classroom format** is offered in English, Spanish, or Creole. This course meets once a week for two years (summers off).

- **Online program** is offered in English or Spanish and incorporates 8 online courses with in-person meetings over a two year period of time.

## What type of certificate can I receive at the end?

There are 2 different certificate programs within the School of Ministry.

- **Catholic Studies Certificate** is available to Catholics interested in learning more about the faith who aren't certain about their call to ministry.
- **Pastoral Ministry Certificate** is for people who desire to be commissioned to serve in a specific ministerial area.

All participants enjoy connecting with a community of adult believers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese. This leads to rich discussion, and a broader notion of Church.

## School of Ministry Requirements:

- A. Complete Registration Materials: Registration form, Non-refundable Registration fee (\$25.00 if received by July 31<sup>st</sup> and \$50.00 if received August 1<sup>st</sup> and after), two Personal Recommendations (one from pastor and one lay person), and Payment Plan form.
- B. Excellent attendance and participation in class or online.
- C. One Weekend Overnight Retreat and one Enrichment Day
- D. Tuition total of two years: \$660 per person, \$1220 per couple.

**Only 20 payments of \$28.00 per person** (plus a non-refundable \$100.00 payment in September) **or 20 payments of \$51.00 per couple** (plus a non-refundable \$200.00 payment in September).

Candidates for the Pastoral Ministry Certificate will meet the requirements for the School of Ministry and the following:

- A. Candidate **MUST BE** recommended by their pastor.
- B. Candidate must be a fully-initiated Catholic.
- C. Candidate is required to complete a Ministerial Project during the last six months of their formation.
- D. Candidate is willing to serve sponsoring parish for a period of five years and commit to on-going faith formation.

For Registration information please visit us at [www.miamiarch.org/layministry](http://www.miamiarch.org/layministry). Click on the "School of Ministry" tab and download all necessary forms.

**OR**

Call our office at 305-762-1184.

Registration forms are due by August 31 of each year. Forms may be accepted after that date depending on availability. Some classes fill quickly. Please register as soon as possible.