

## WHAT IS THE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE?

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI) of the Diocese of St. Petersburg is a four year program consisting of an informal year of discernment and three years of formation in parish ministry leadership. Each year of the four-year program will be repeated annually.

## WHAT IS THE YEAR OF DISCERNMENT?

The Year of Discernment segment of the Institute is designed to accommodate all men and women of the diocese involved in or interested in being selected for ecclesial ministry. The Year of Discernment or a documented equivalent is a requirement for acceptance into the three-year formal program.

The goal of the Year of Discernment is to identify persons with leadership capabilities interested in and able to pursue the more intense three-year element of the Institute. A secondary goal is to create in adults of the diocese an interest in and a desire for on-going faith formation.

The Year of Discernment consists of seven Saturday sessions and one day of reflection. Attendance at the Day of Reflection is a requirement for continuing in the Institute.

## SCHEDULE

Sessions are on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with breaks during the day. Classes are held at Christ the King Parish, 821 South Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33609-4410.

Dates and session topics are as follows but subject to change:

**September 16, 2023: Discernment**

**October 14, 2023: Discernment**

**November 11, 2023:**

- \* Introduction to Theology
- \* Foundations of Lay Spirituality (I)

**December 9, 2023:**

- \* Ecclesiology: Christology
- \* Foundations of Lay Spirituality (II)

**January 13, 2024:**

- \* Ecclesiology: What is Church
- \* Liturgy

**February 10, 2024:**

- \* Ministry
- \* Preparing for New Thinking

**March 9, 2024:**

- \* Catholic Social Teaching
- \* Foundations of Lay Spirituality (III)

**April 13, 2024: Day of Discernment \*\***

- \* Who Am I as a Leader
- \* LPMI Next Steps

(\*\*must attend to continue in the program)  
This day is **vital** to the program. In order to participate in the Day of Discernment, student must have attended all of the classes.

Please send registration form to:  
Diocese of St. Petersburg  
LPMI Office  
P.O. Box 40200  
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0200

In order to assure availability of space and materials, registrations must be received by **September 11, 2023** to be accepted. For more information call: (727) 344-1611.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

\$150.00 Non-Refundable fee enclosed   
Make Check payable to Diocese of St. Petersburg

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NECESSARY QUALITIES

- Fully initiated, practicing Catholic for at least two years.
- Twenty-one years of age or older.
- In possession of at least a high school equivalency.
- Ability to relate to people.
- Desire to become involved in a service-related ministry.
- Openness to a group-learning process.
- Openness to different types of people, ideas and spiritualities.
- Willingness to develop a sound prayer life.
- Capability of being a leader.



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## The Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute aims to...

- \* prepare men and women for committed parish lay leadership;
- \* motivate baptized Catholics in the diocese to discern and use their gifts in service of others;
- \* offer contemporary education and faith formation in the Roman Catholic faith;
- \* network leaders with peers and professionals across the diocese;
- \* empower people to own and live their baptism in all arenas of life;
- \* foster a deeper sense of appreciation for the ministry of priests;
- \* teach teamwork, lifelong learning, collaboration, and team skills;
- \* affect family life by modeling to children a living faith.

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## Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute Year of Discernment



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