

## 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 eight Saturday sessions. The final session, 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 7, 2024: Discernment**

**October 12, 2024: Discernment**

**November 9 2024:**

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

**December 21, 2024:**

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

**January 11, 2025:**

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

**February 8, 2025:**

- \* Ministry
- \* Preparing for New Thinking

**March 8, 2025:**

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

**April 5, 2025: 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 5, 2024 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

- Desire to become involved in a service-related ministry.
- Openness to a group-learning process.
- Ability to relate to people.
- Openness to different types of people, ideas and spiritualities.
- Willingness to develop a sound prayer life.
- Capability of being a leader.
- 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.



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## The Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute

- \* prepares men and women for committed parish lay leadership;
- \* motivates baptized Catholics in the diocese to discern and use their gifts in service of others;
- \* offers contemporary education and faith formation in the Roman Catholic faith;
- \* networks leaders with peers and professionals across the diocese;
- \* empowers people to own and live their baptism in all arenas of life;
- \* fosters a deeper sense of appreciation for the ministry of priests;
- \* teaches teamwork, lifelong learning, collaboration, and team skills;
- \* affects family life by modeling to children a living faith.

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### 2024-2025



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