

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 12, 2026: Discernment

October 10, 2026: Discernment

November 14, 2026:

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

December 12, 2026:

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

January 9, 2027:

- * Ecclesiology: What is Church
- * Liturgy

February 13, 2027:

- * Ministry
- * Preparing for New Thinking

March 13, 2027:

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

April 10, 2027: 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 9, 2026 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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