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The Most Reverend  
**Bishop Victor Galeone, D.D.**

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Ministry Formation

Applications are processed each year in the spring. Potential applicants should attend an information session to learn all about the components of the program and also to ask questions. For further information, visit us at

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[www.dosaformation.org](http://www.dosaformation.org)

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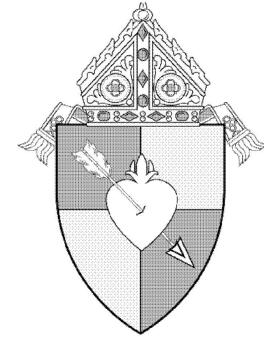
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The Ministry Formation Program complies with the Diocese of Saint Augustine's equal opportunity/non-discrimination policy. The program recruits, promotes, and retains participants based on ability and valid qualifications, without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. Further, we are in full accord with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. All class locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

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*Diocese of Saint Augustine*



## **MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM**

*The program is for anyone who is a recognized leader within the diocese, on a parish level and/or within our Catholic Schools, who seek leadership skills for ministry along with personal faith development and enrichment within the Church.*

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## The Ministry Formation Program...

provides a three-year comprehensive program of study. The first two years focus on the academic subjects: Scripture, Catholic Traditions, Catholic Beliefs, Morality, Sacraments, and Liturgy. The third year combines the process of Theological Reflection and the planning and execution of a Supervised Practicum.

### Theological Reflection...

provides opportunities for theological and spiritual development and to relate their own gifts and experiences to the needs of their parish, school, or diocese.

### Supervised Practicum...

is a hands-on learning experience that takes place in a parish, school or diocesan setting. The practicum integrates the participant's knowledge and skills with actual ministerial situations.

### Specialized Skills Workshops...

aid ministerial competence. Offered in Years I & II are Pastoral Leadership, Human Development, Multi-Cultural Diversity, Legal Ethics/Church Law, Minister as Person, Spirituality/Personal Prayer/Leading Prayer and Communications.

### Emmaus Companion...

(EC) component provides the participant with ongoing support, reflection and feedback on his or her spiritual journey. Specifically, the EC provides a safe environment in which the participant can recognize how course material can be integrated into life experience and spirituality.

## Mission Statement...

*To reflect the mission of the Diocese of St. Augustine, the Ministry Formation Program prepares the participants through academic, spiritual, personal, and pastoral formation for lay ecclesial leadership and service in diocesan parishes and institutions.*

### ...and Purpose

- To provide systematic opportunities for the faithful to learn about their baptismal call to ministry.
- To network with and assist the clergy and diocesan ministry directors with the developing roles for the faithful.
- To integrate opportunities for spiritual formation throughout the program.
- To develop and implement a systematic program of academic, human, spiritual, and pastoral formation.
- To provide for ongoing education and spiritual formation for those who have completed the program through the annual retreat.

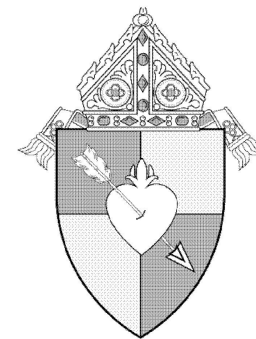
A retreat is held during Lent of each year. The two-day retreat offers participants a time to renew spiritually as they reflect on themes presented by experienced retreat directors.

Upon successful completion of the program, the participant receives a certificate through the Diocese of Saint Augustine.

Classes are held on Saturdays at Marywood Retreat Center in St. Johns, near Jacksonville. In the future, classes may begin again in the Gainesville area.

*“As members of Christ’s Body, we are all called to service in the Church. How fortunate we are in the Diocese of Saint Augustine to have the Ministry Formation Program for deepening the faith and skills of our future diocesan leaders to better serve our people!”*

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The Ministry Formation Program is accredited by The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation.

**The program was granted Reaffirmation of Accreditation January 2010 through December 2017**

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